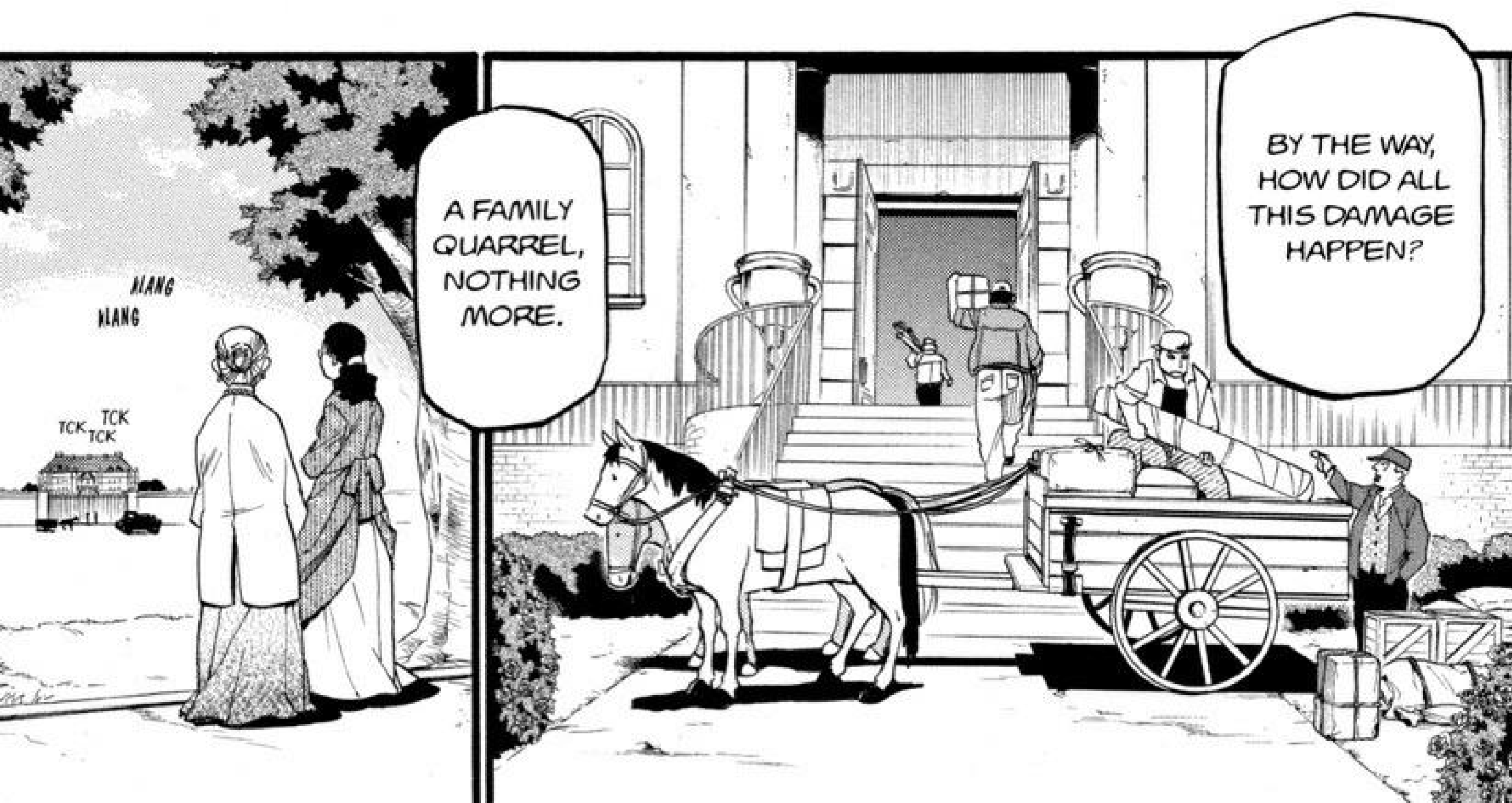
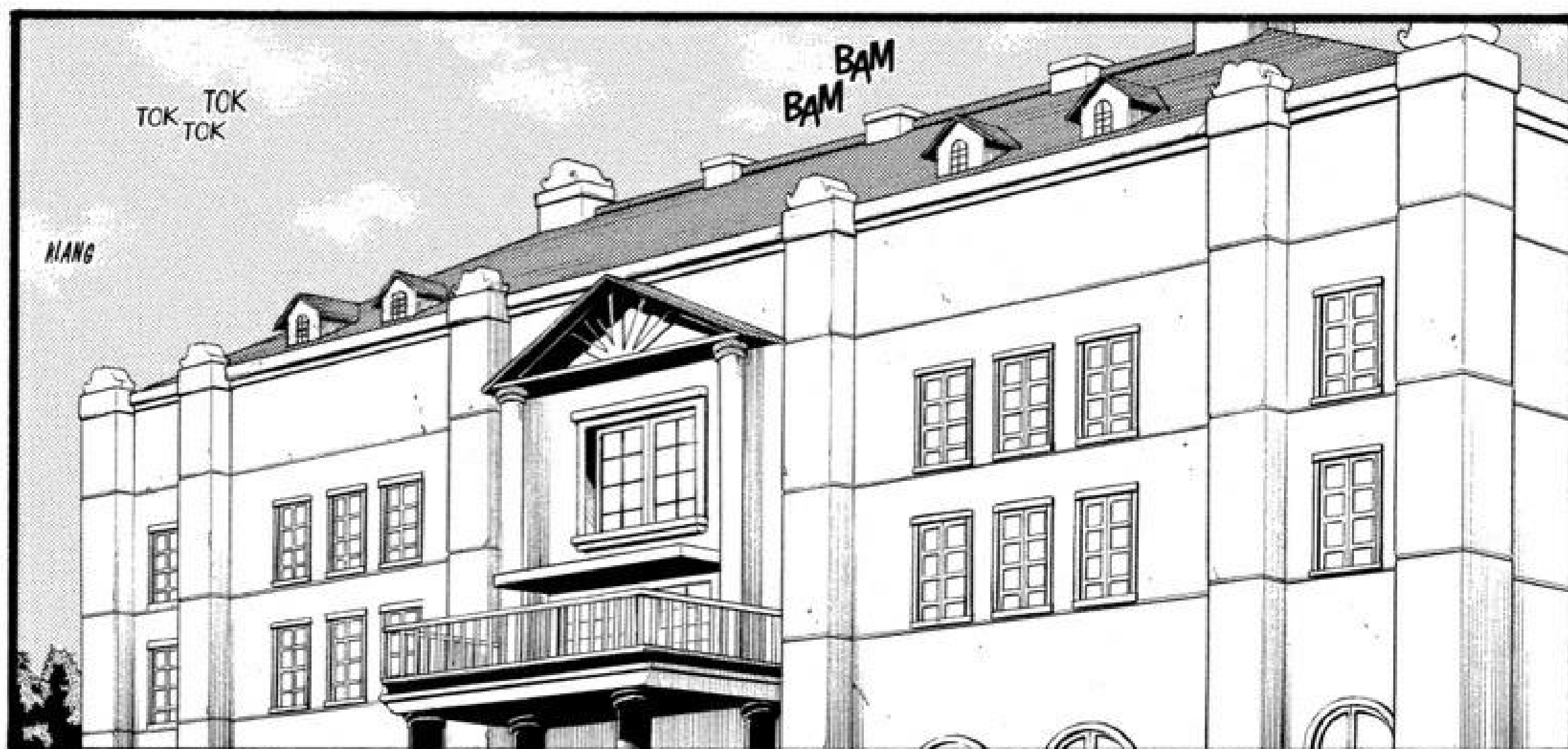
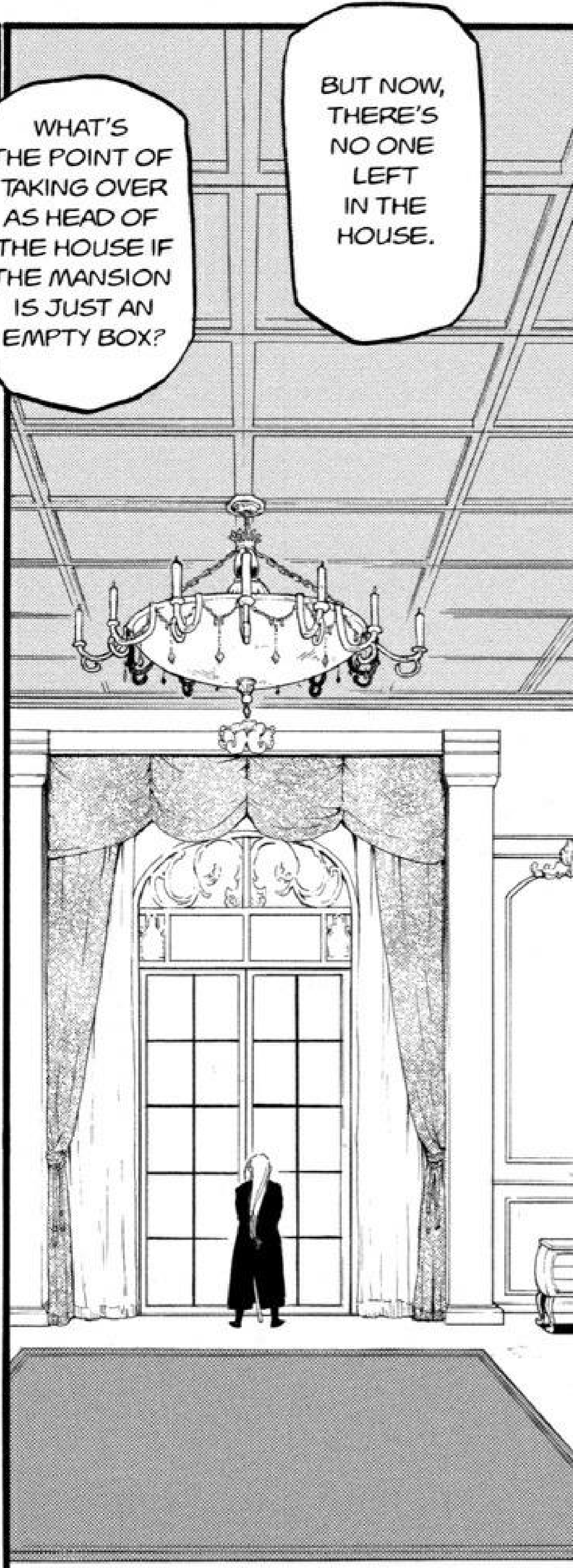
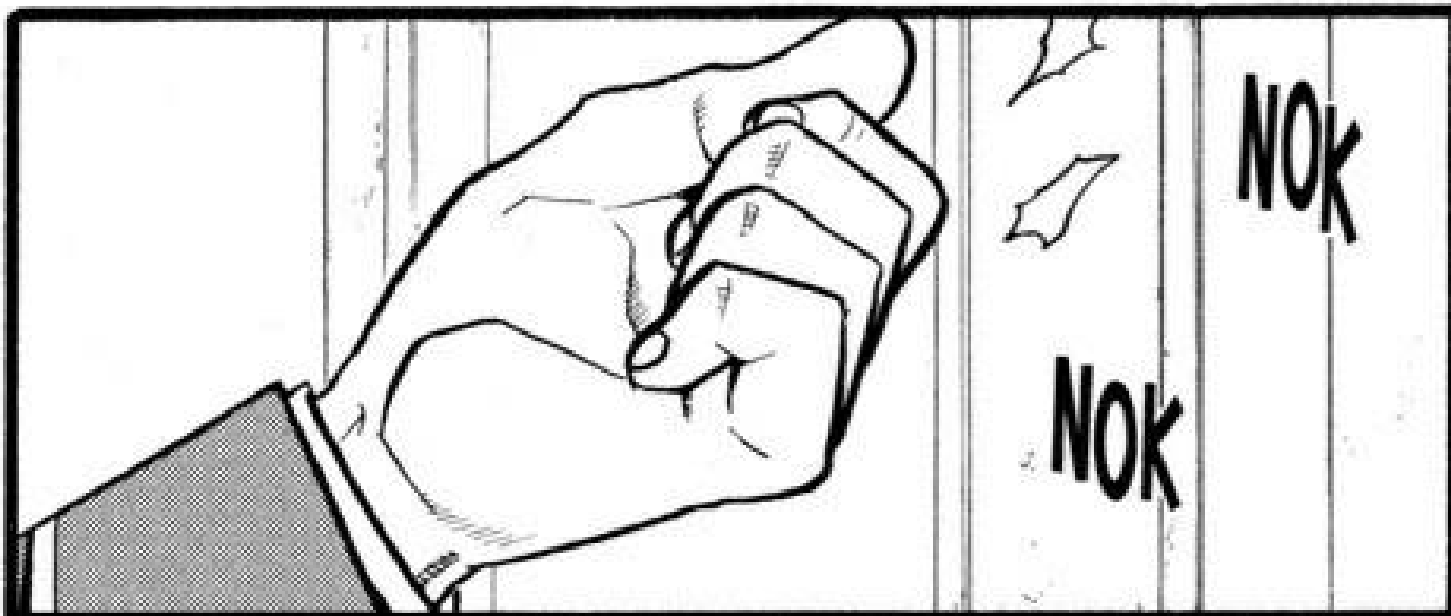
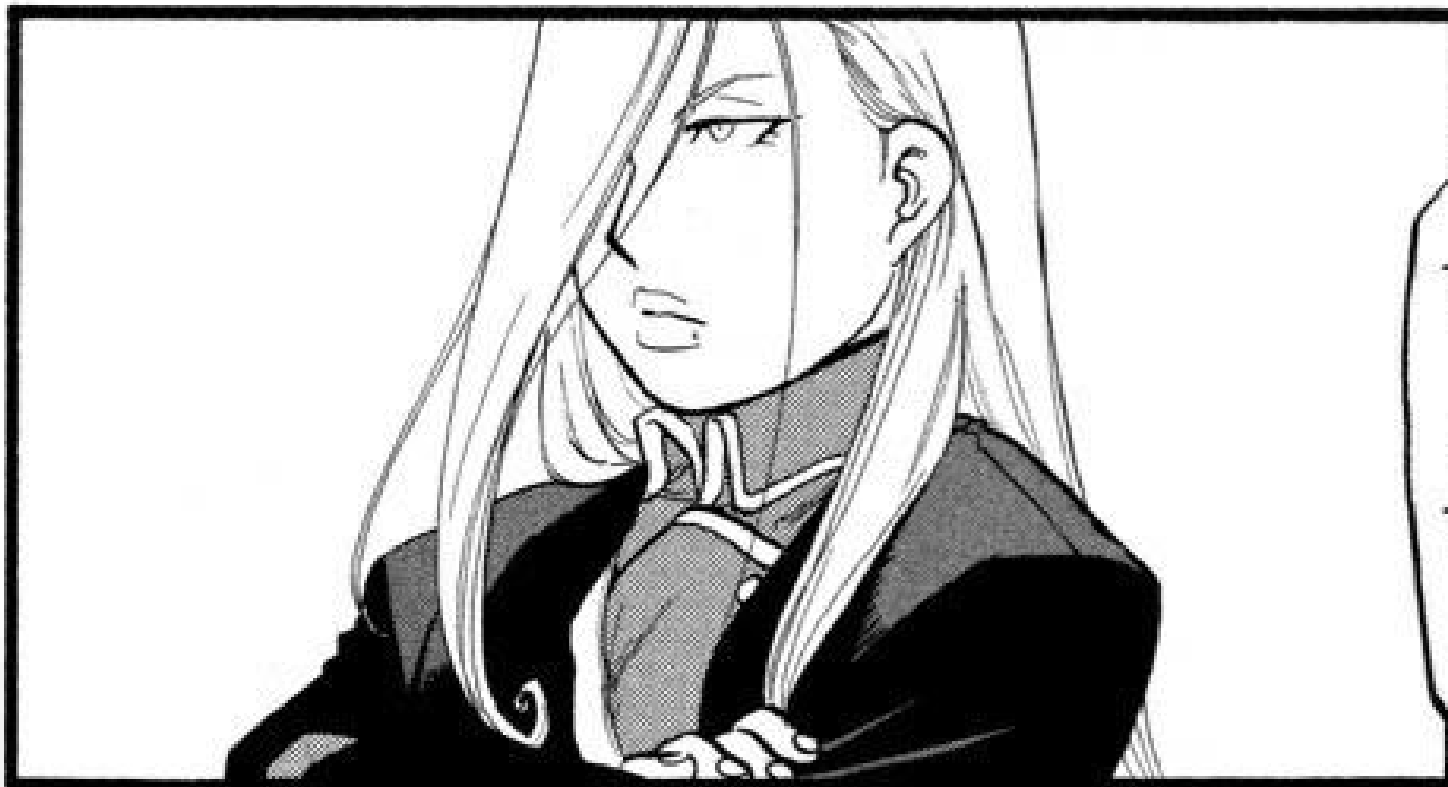
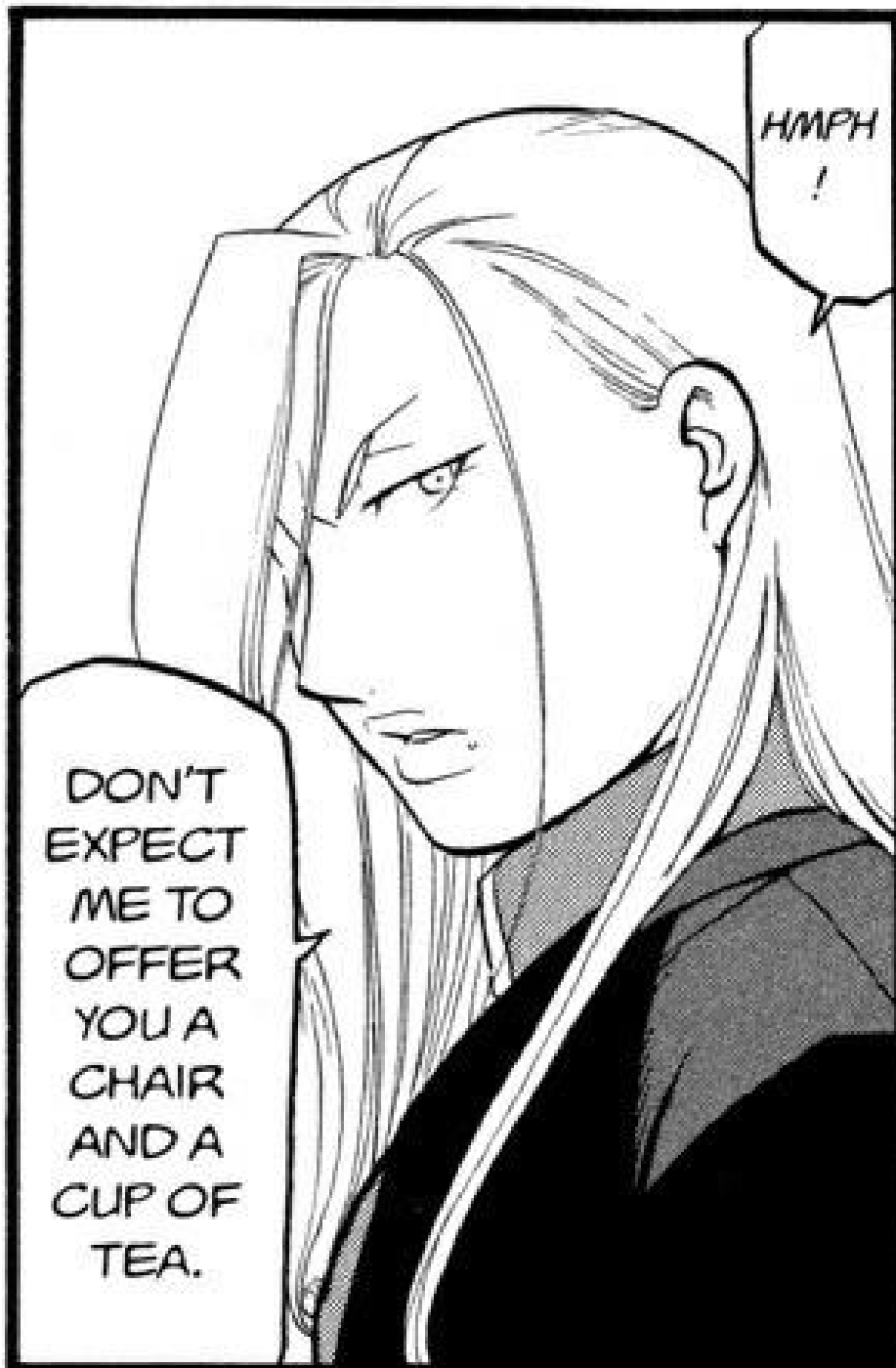
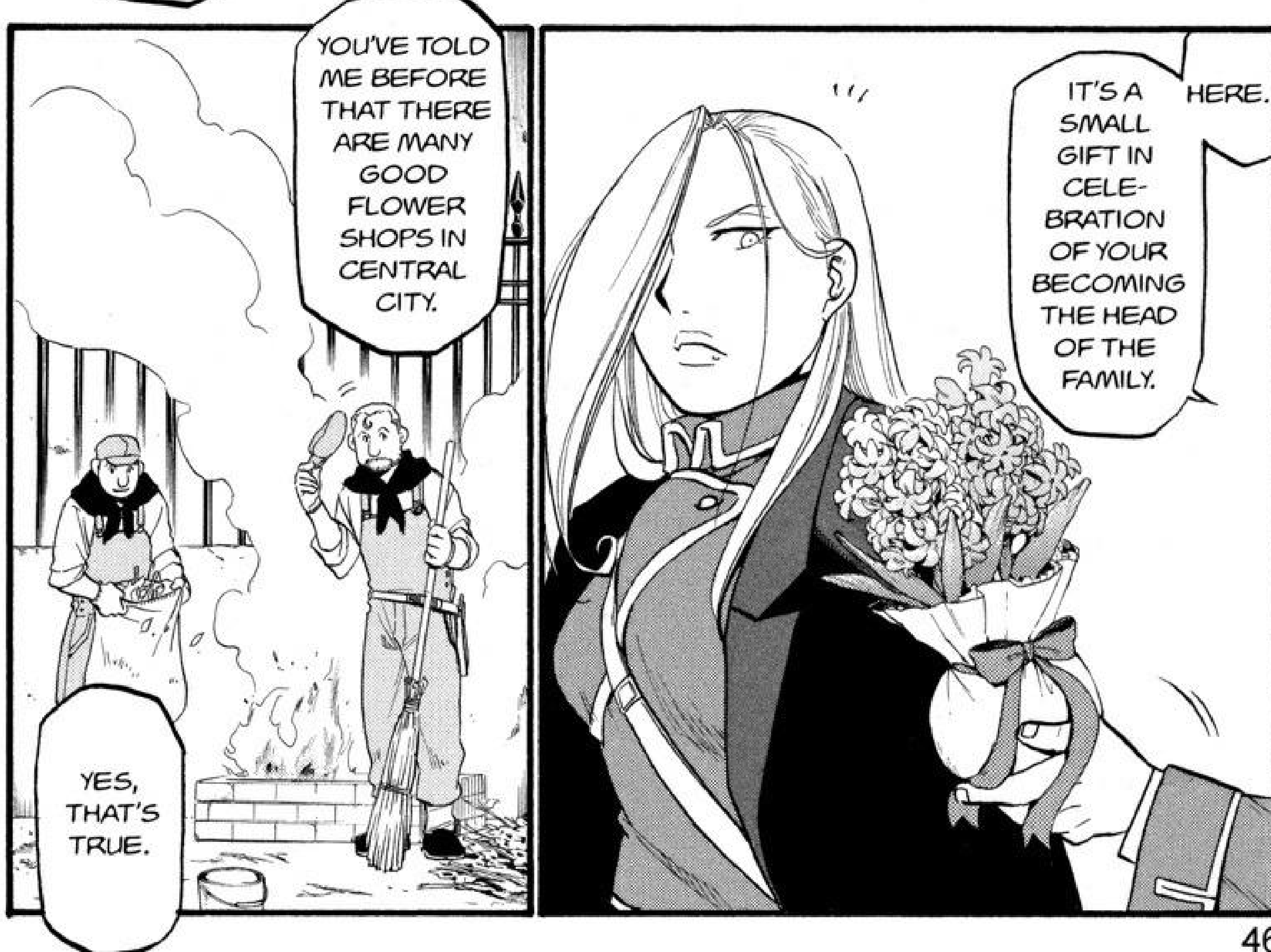
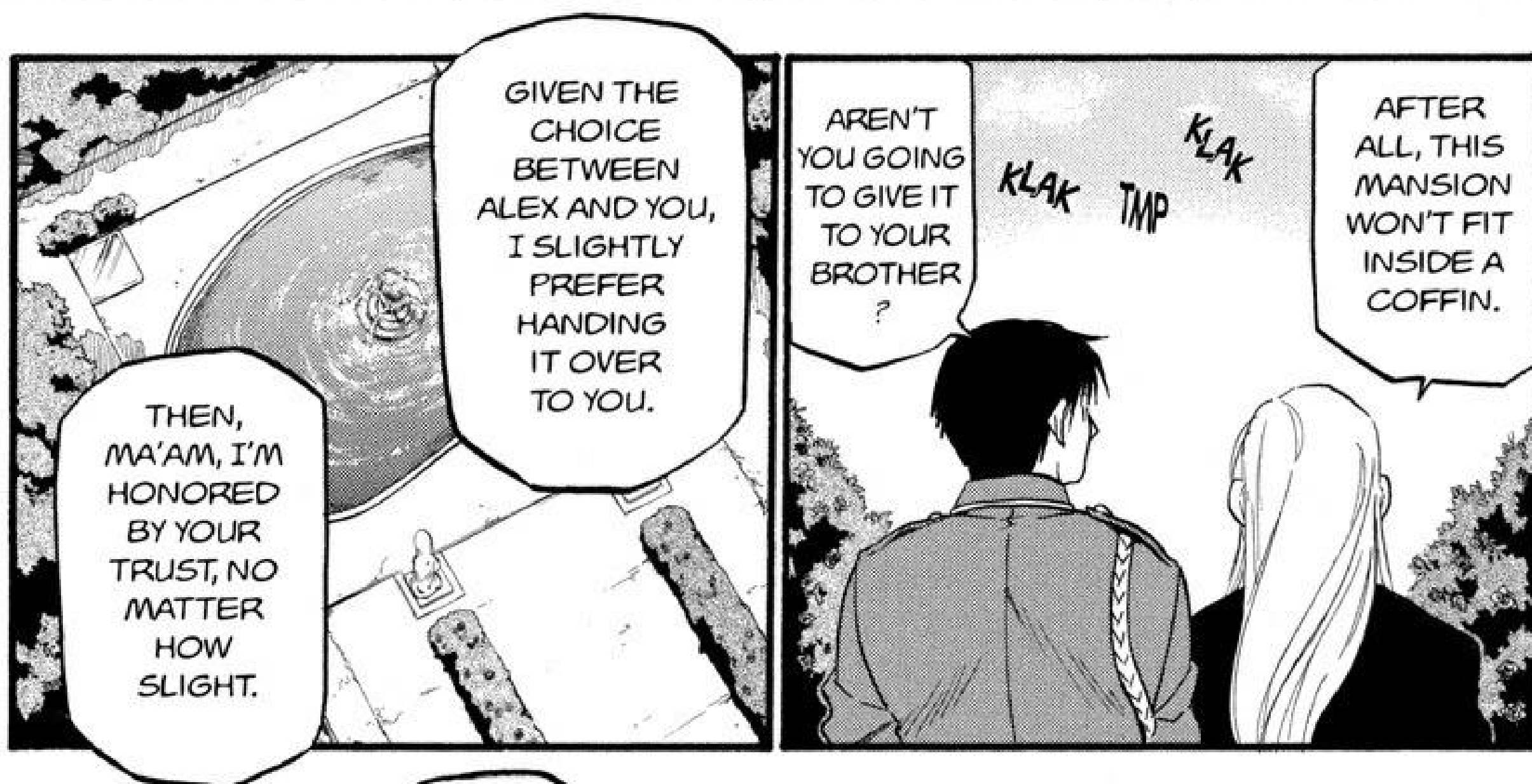
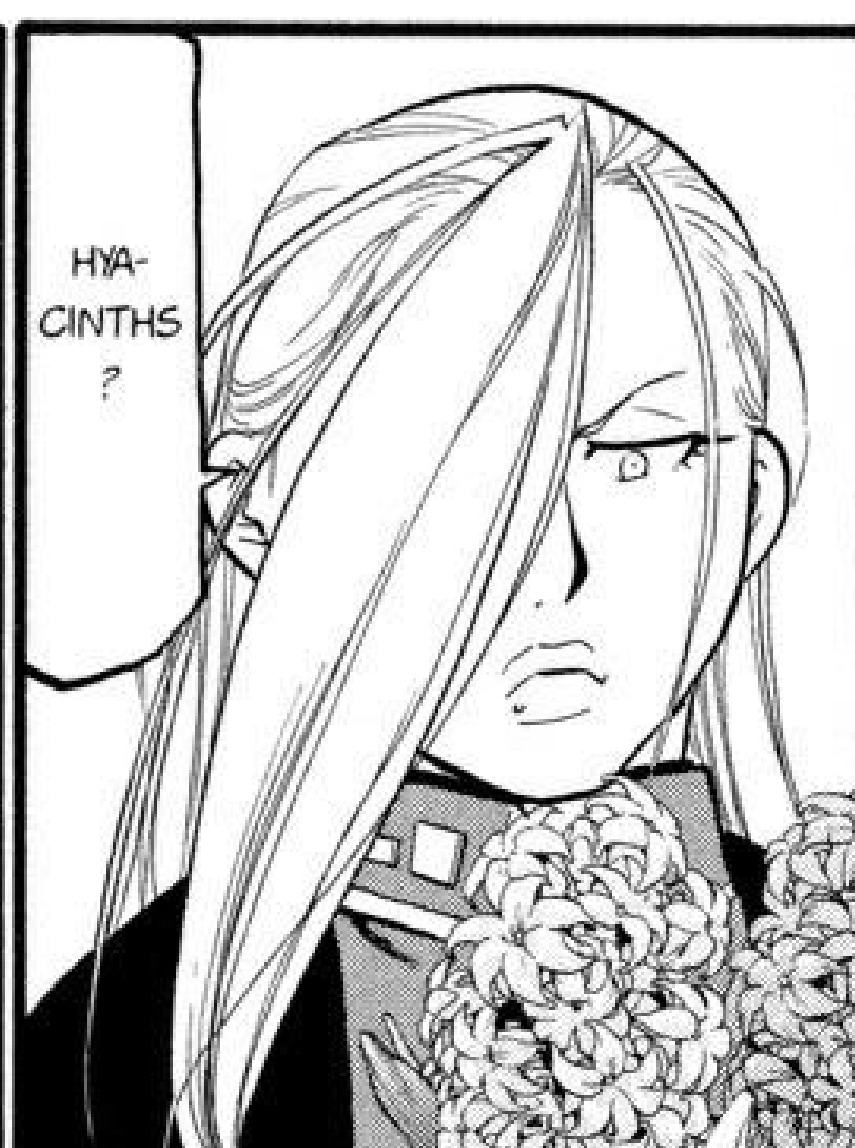


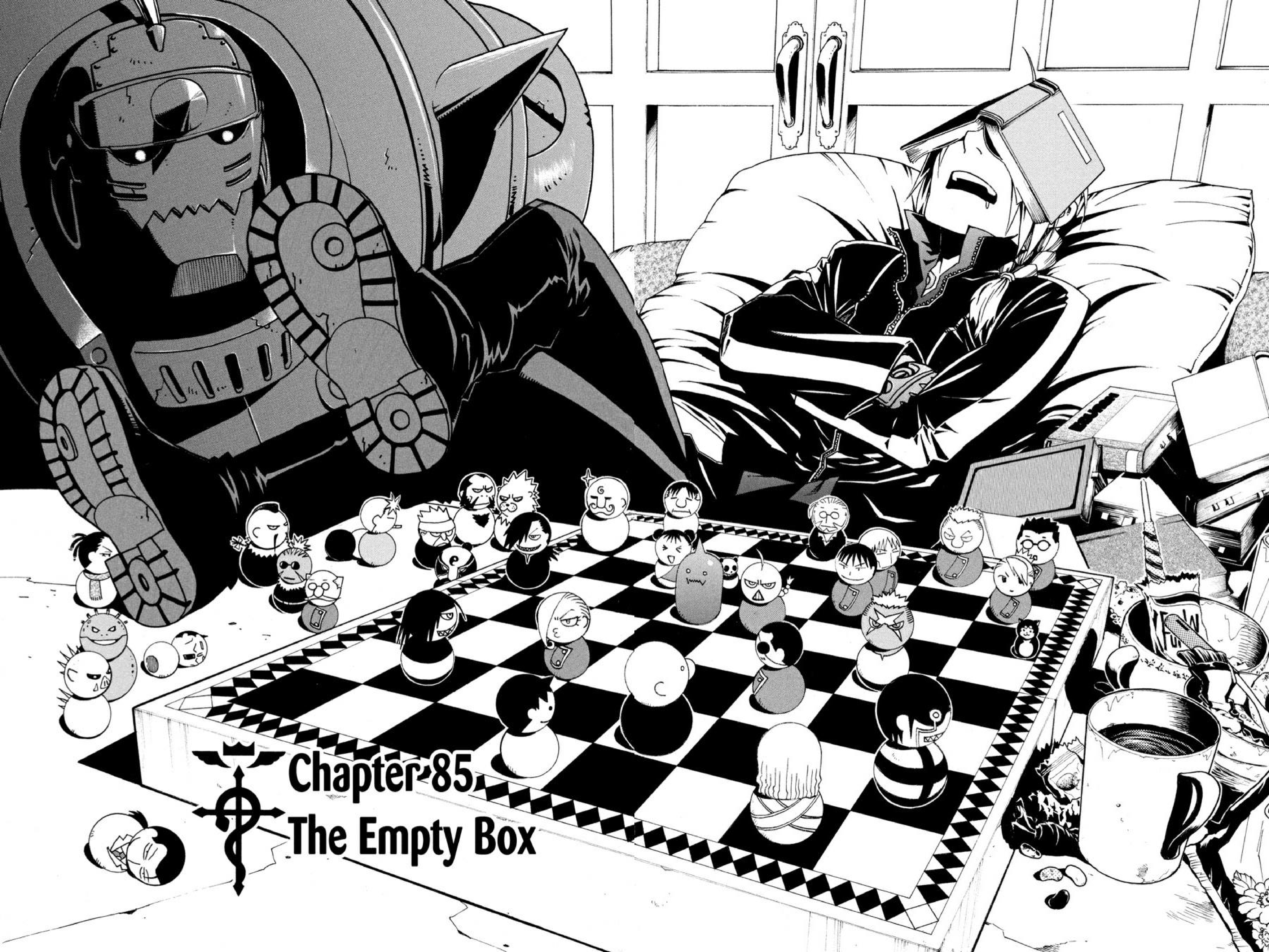




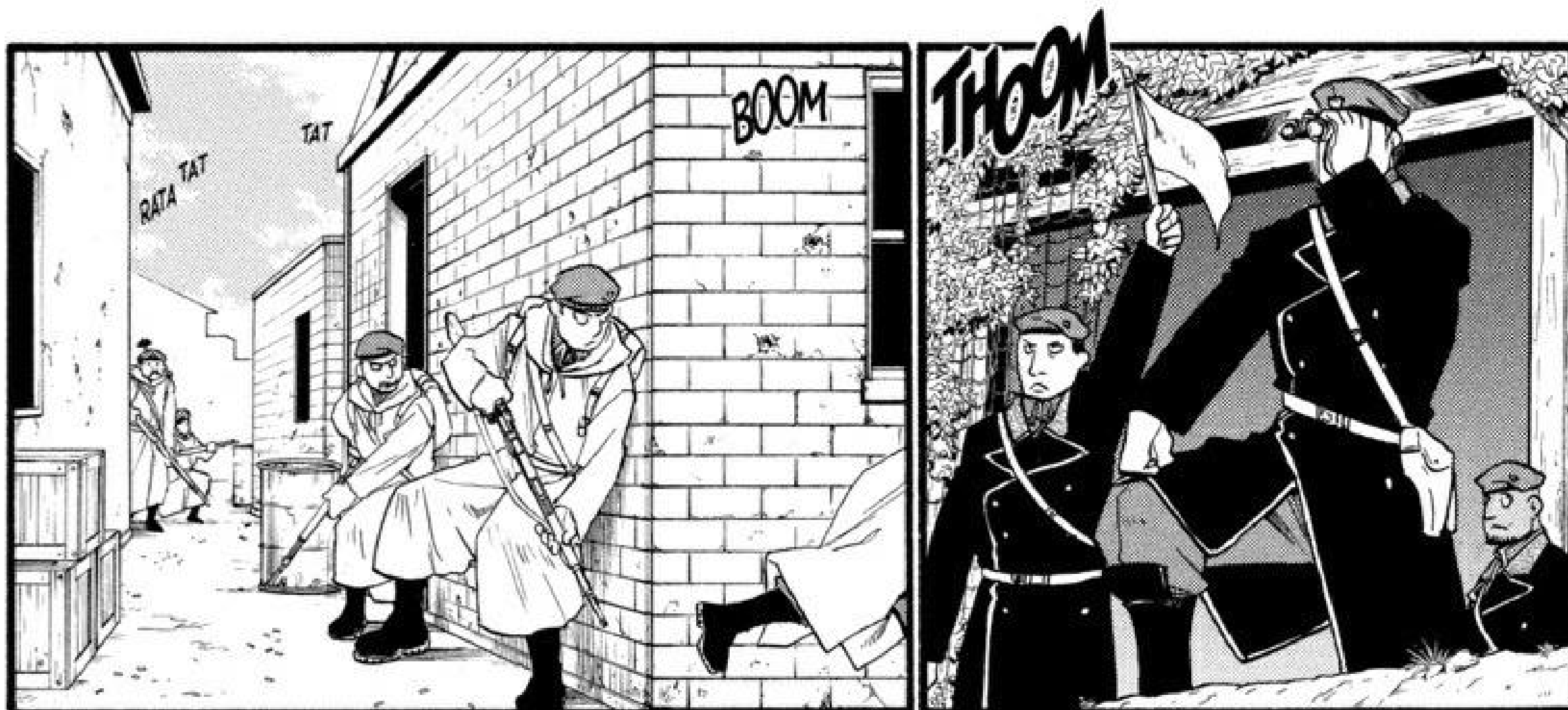
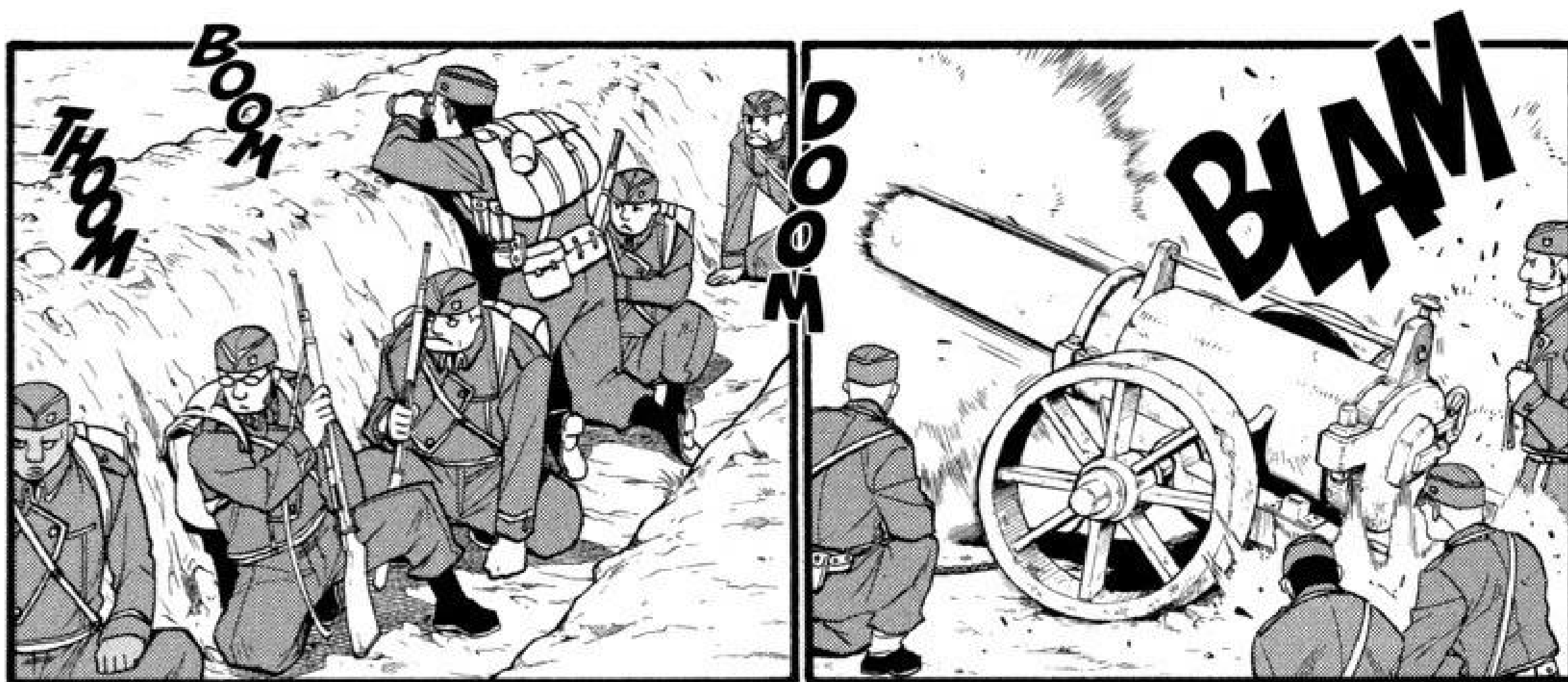
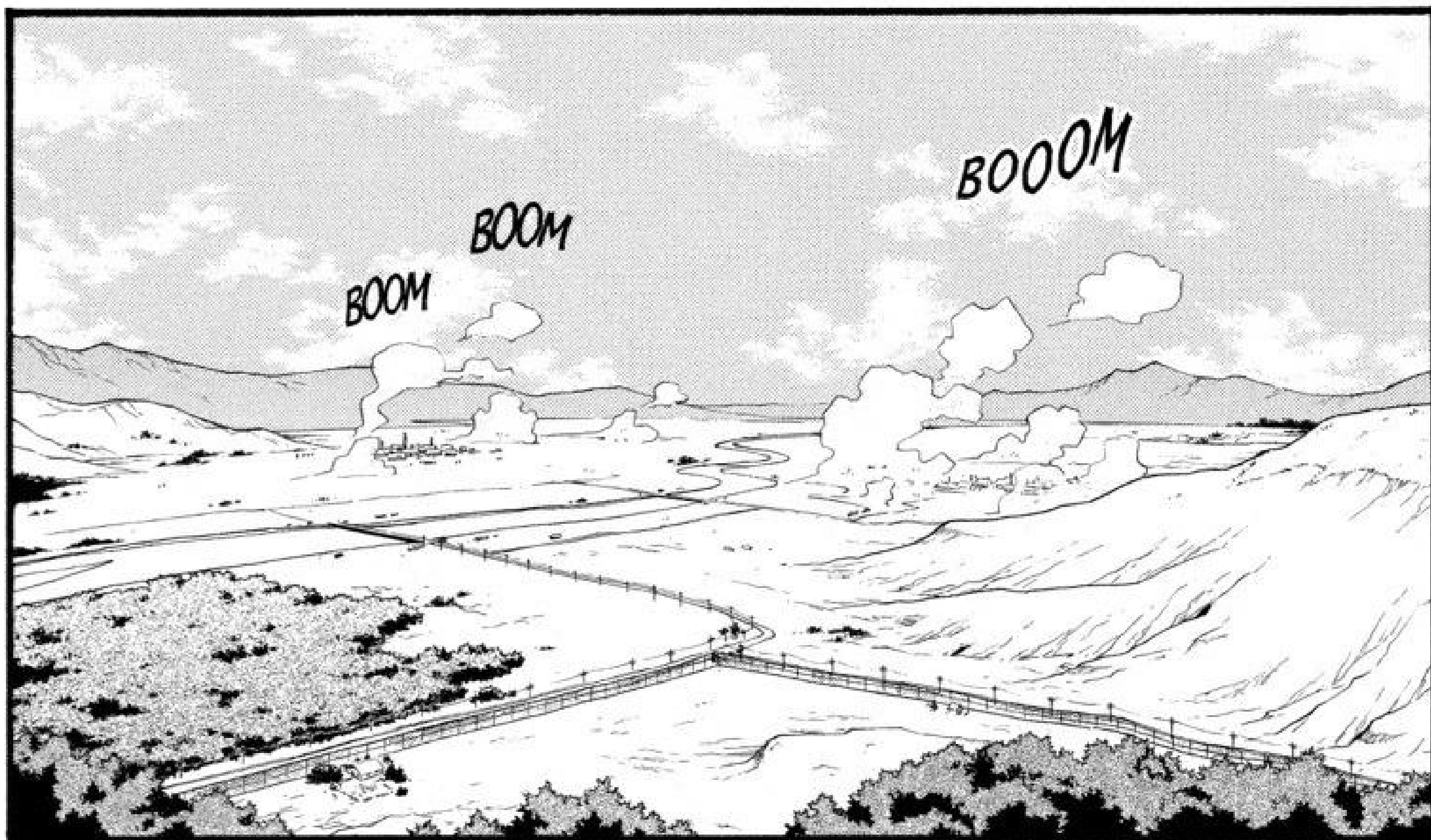


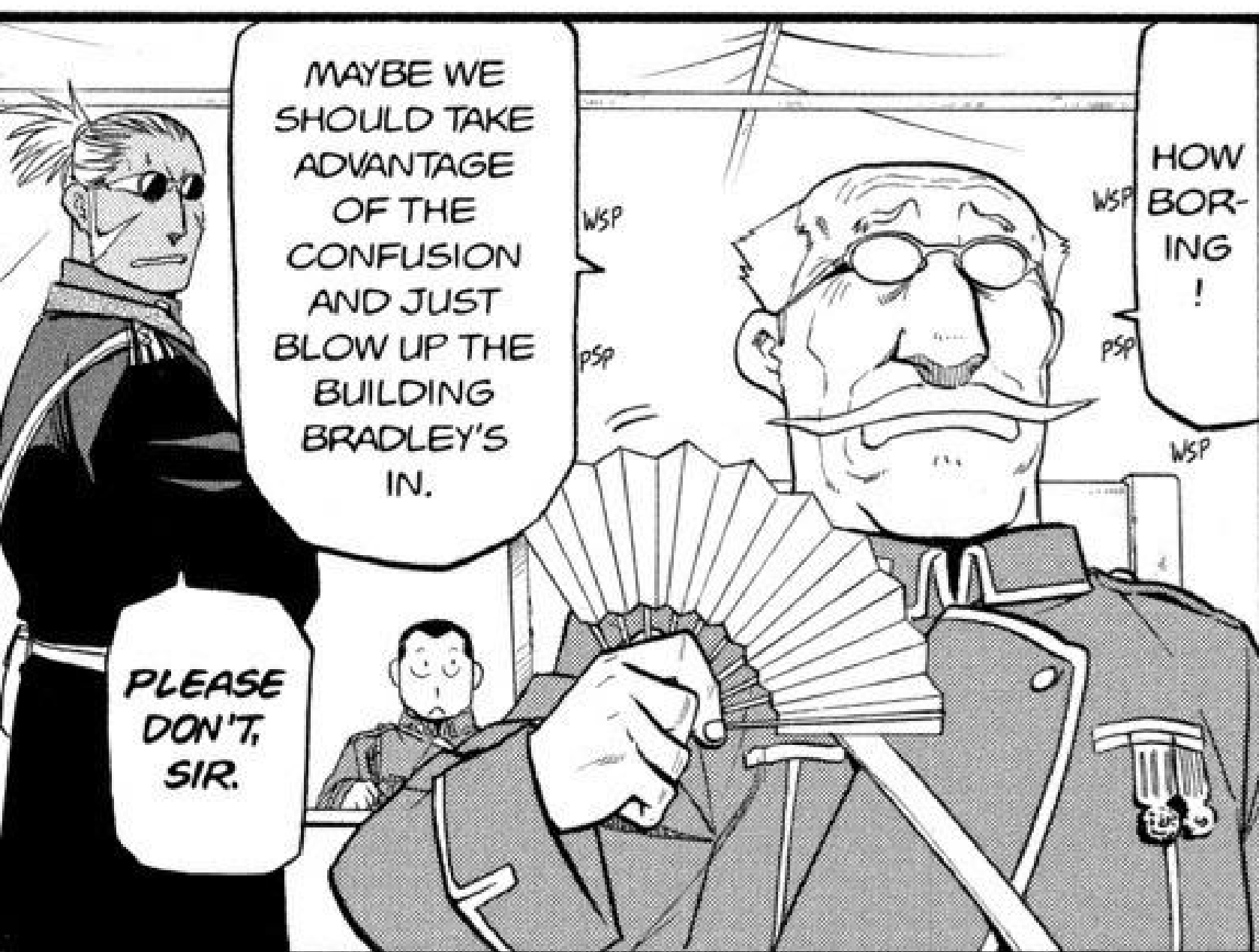
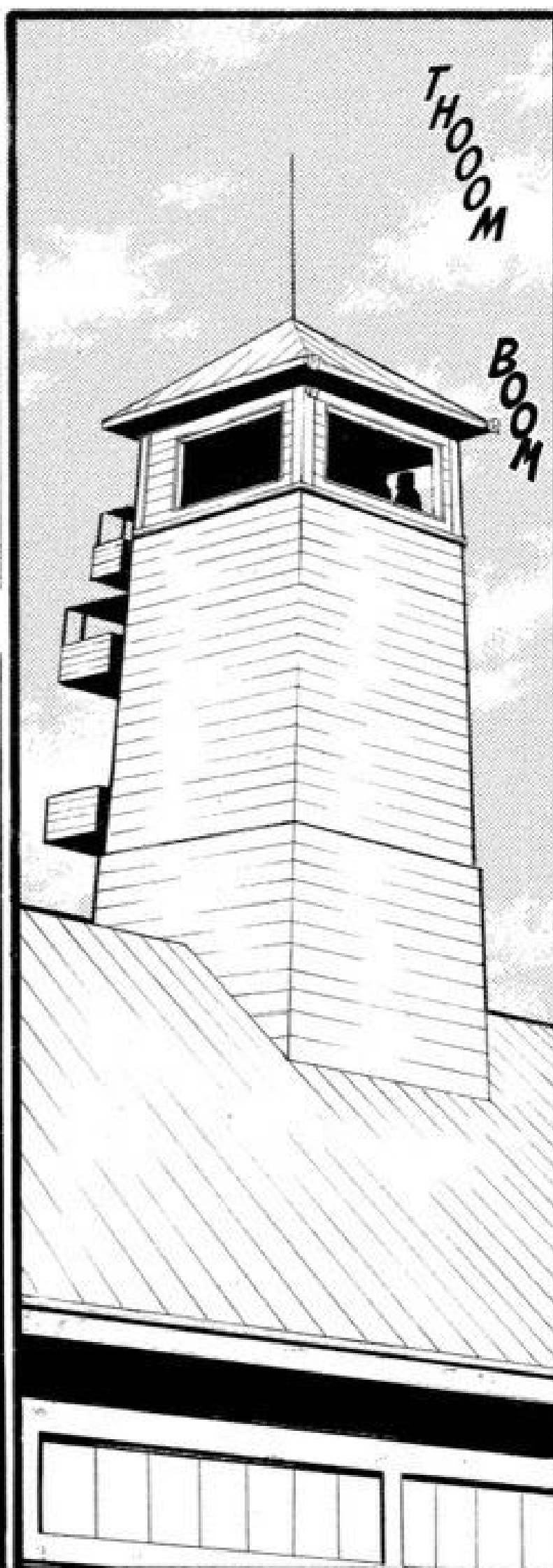


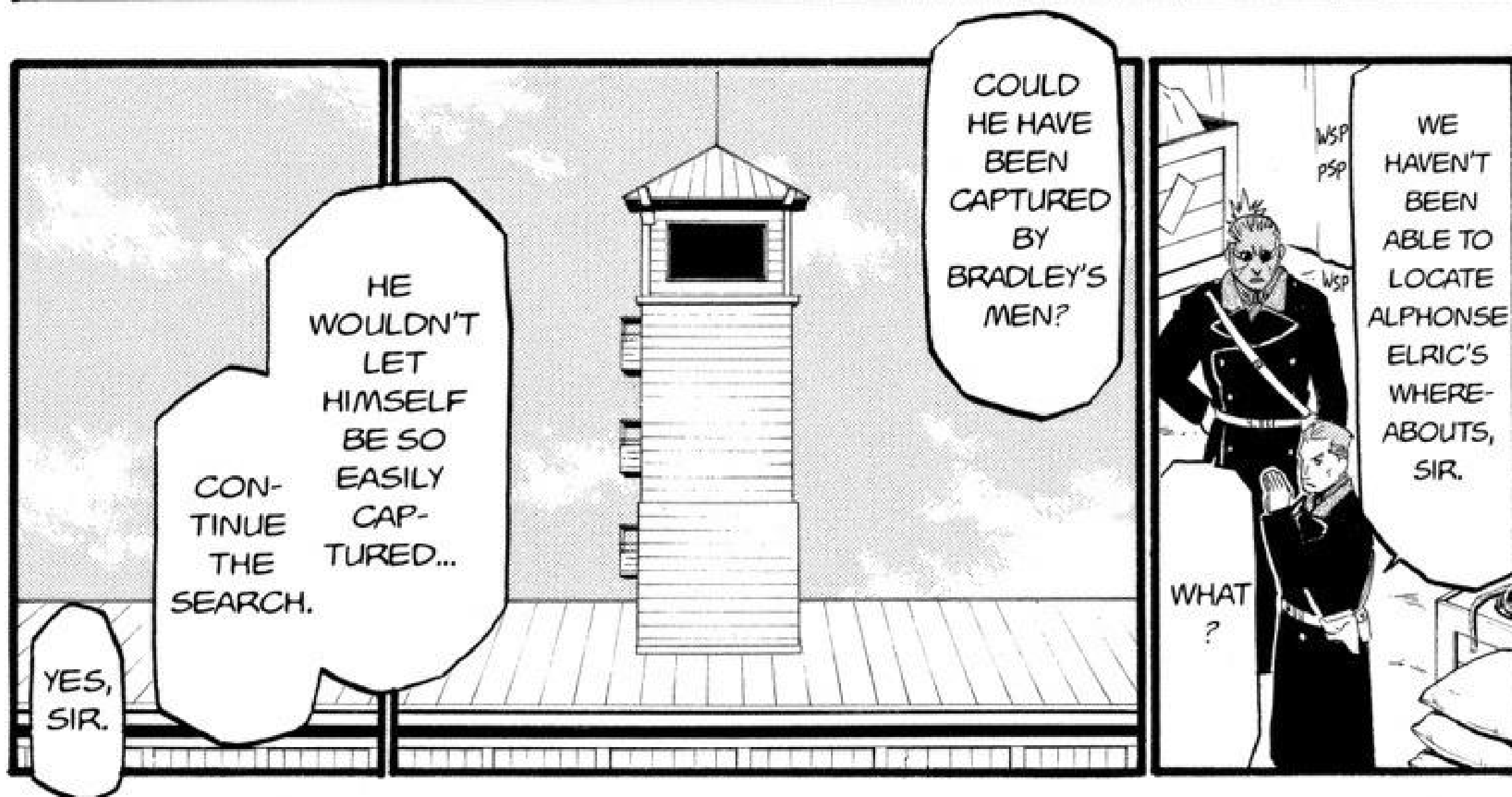


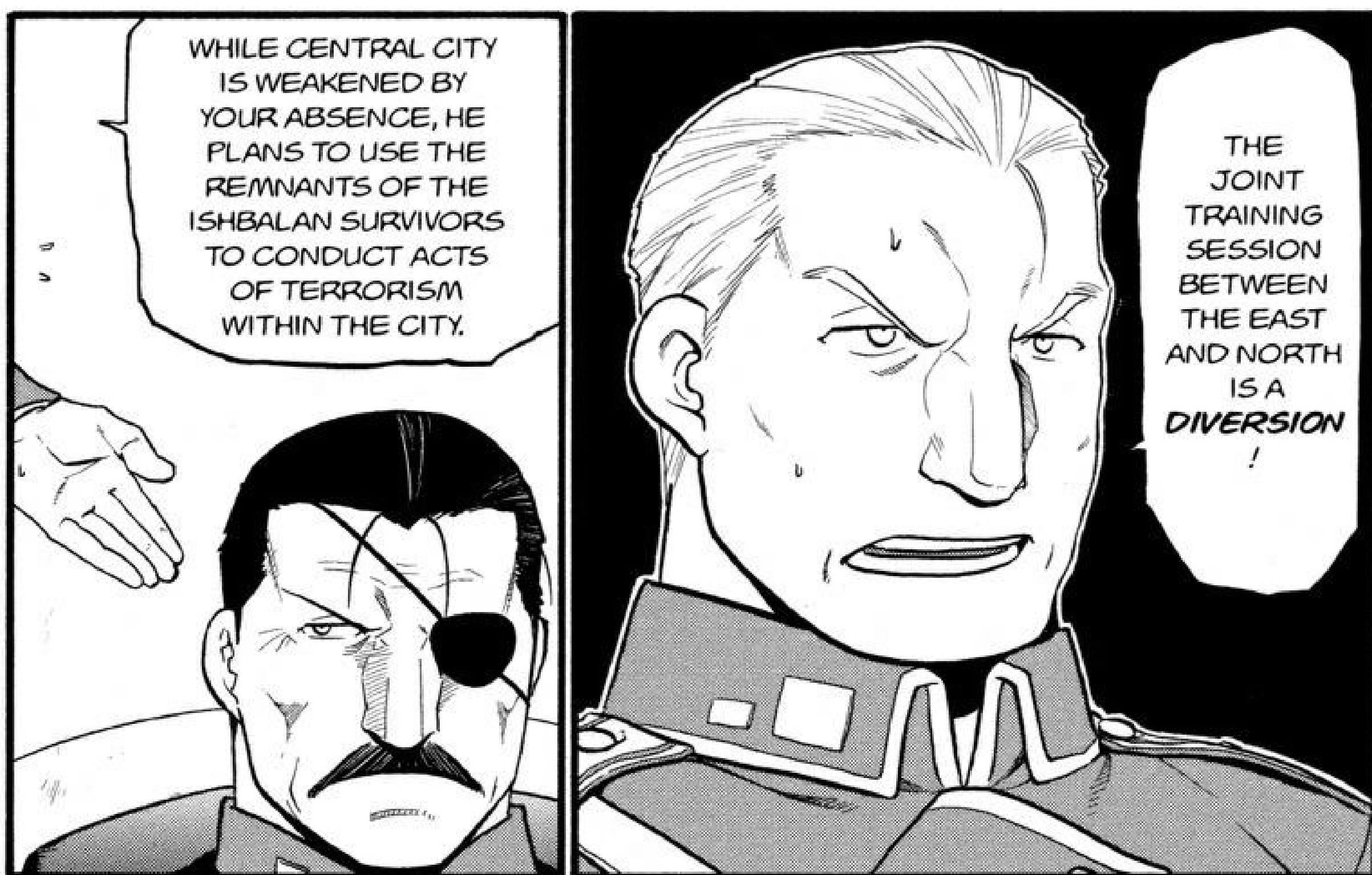
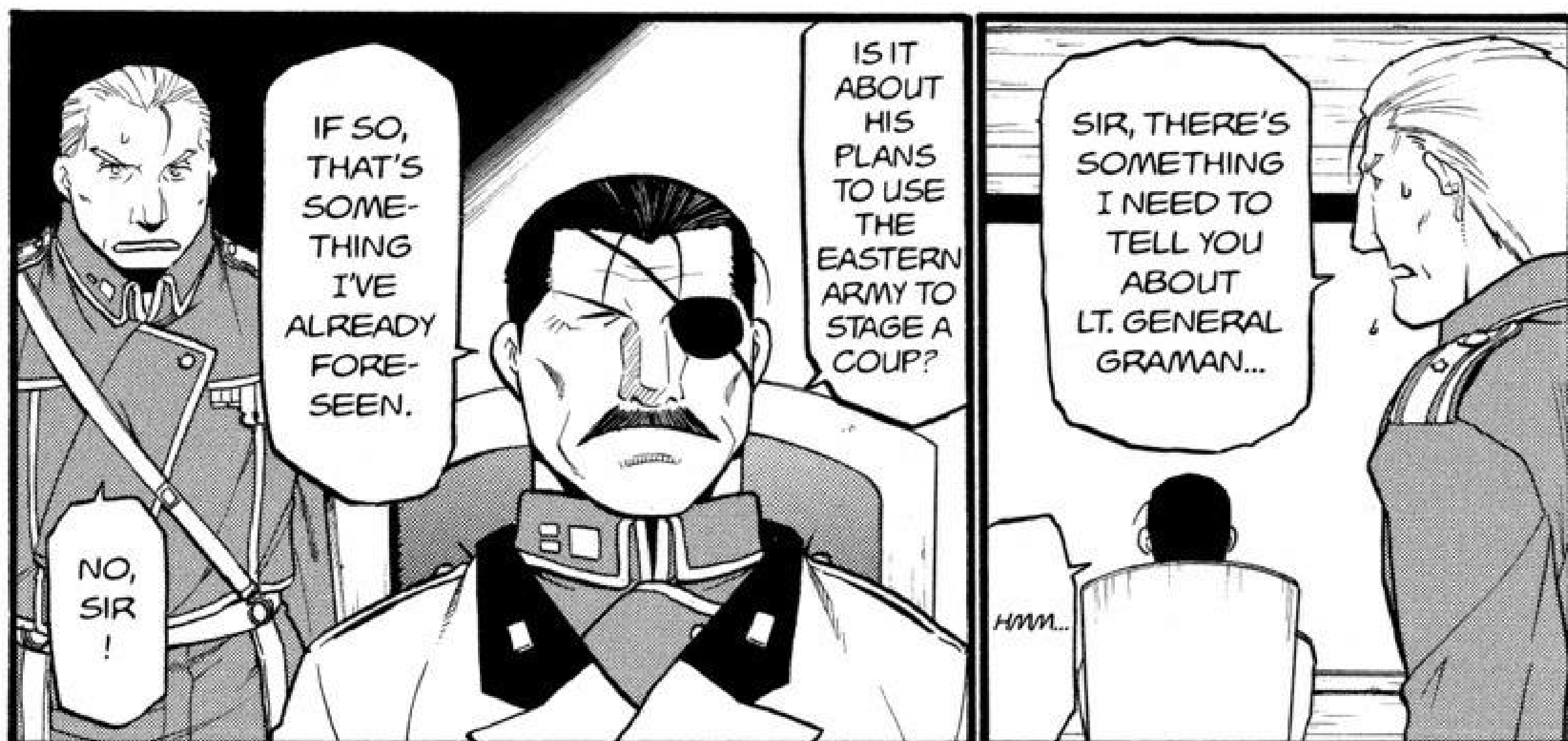


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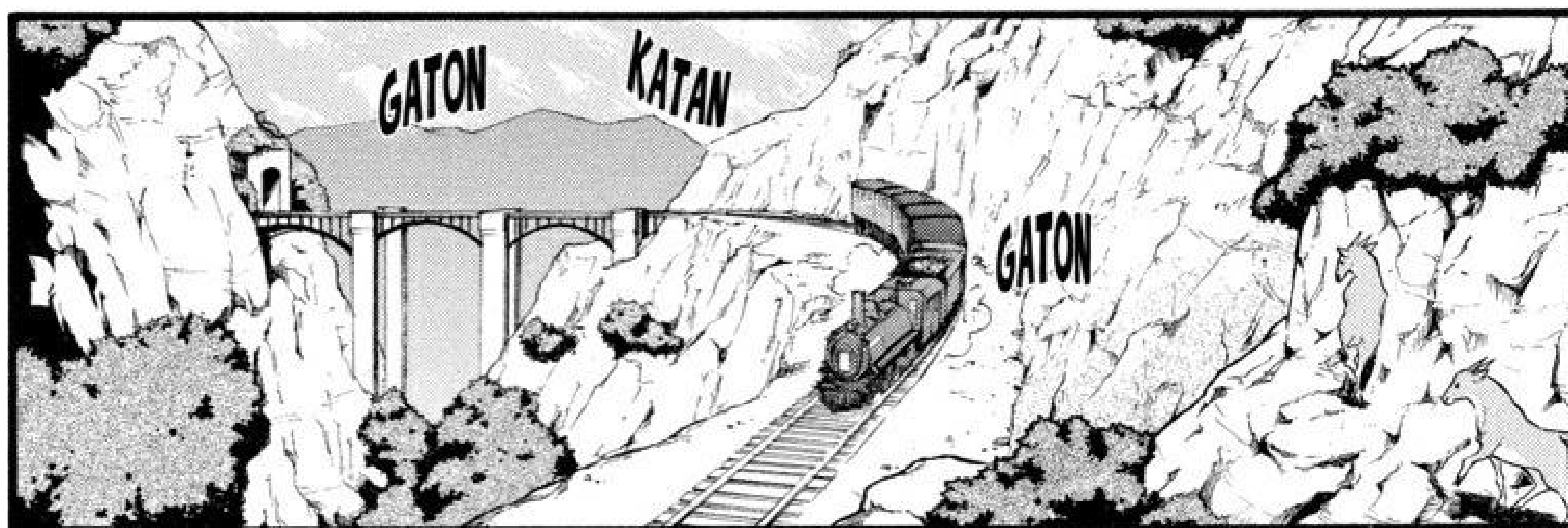
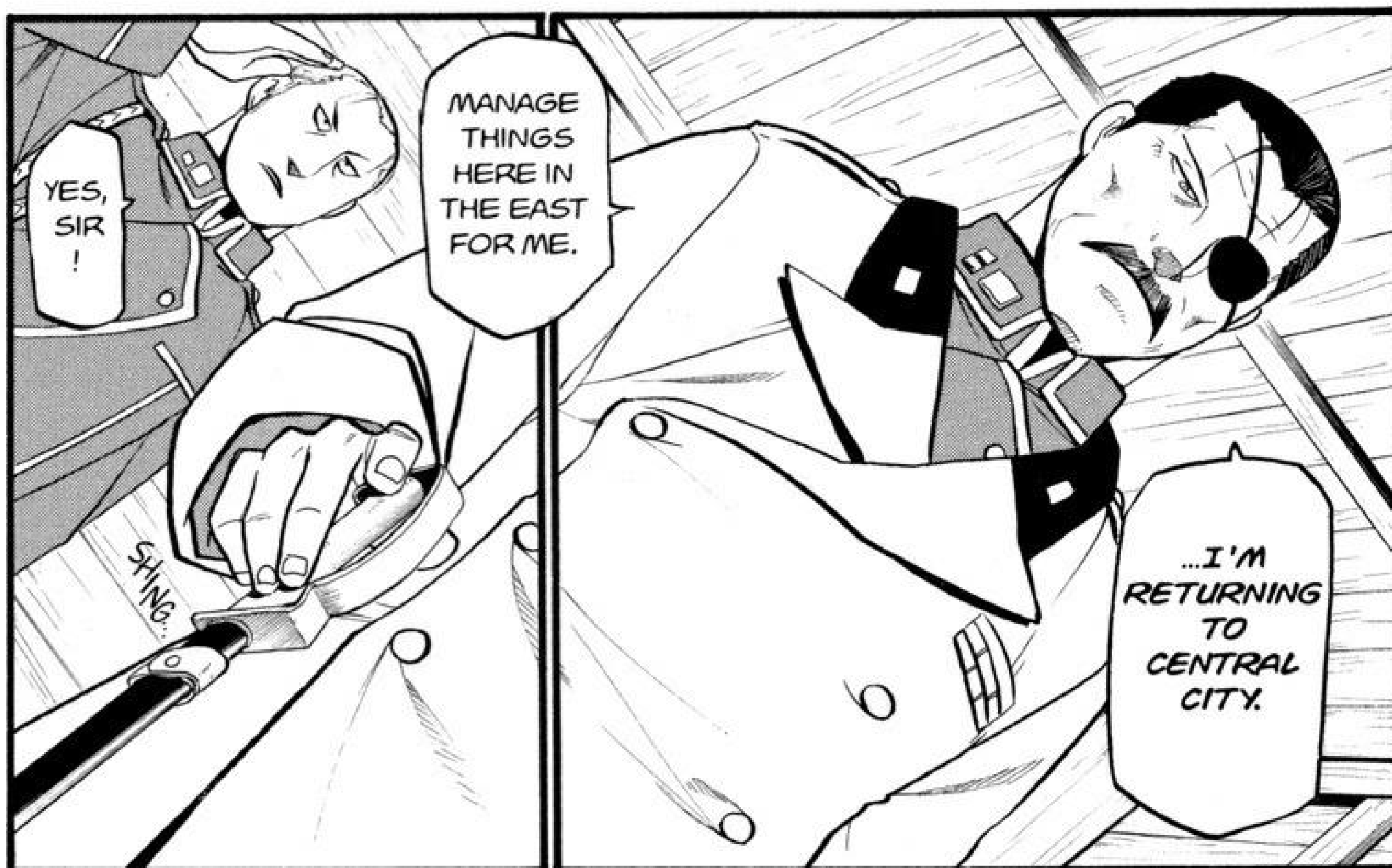


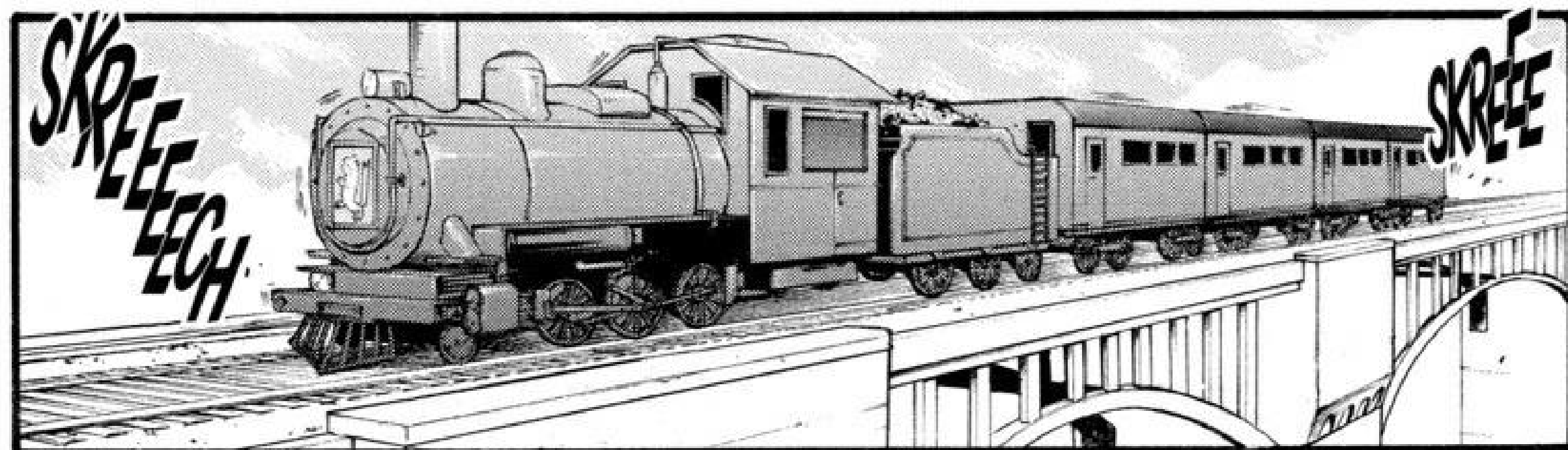
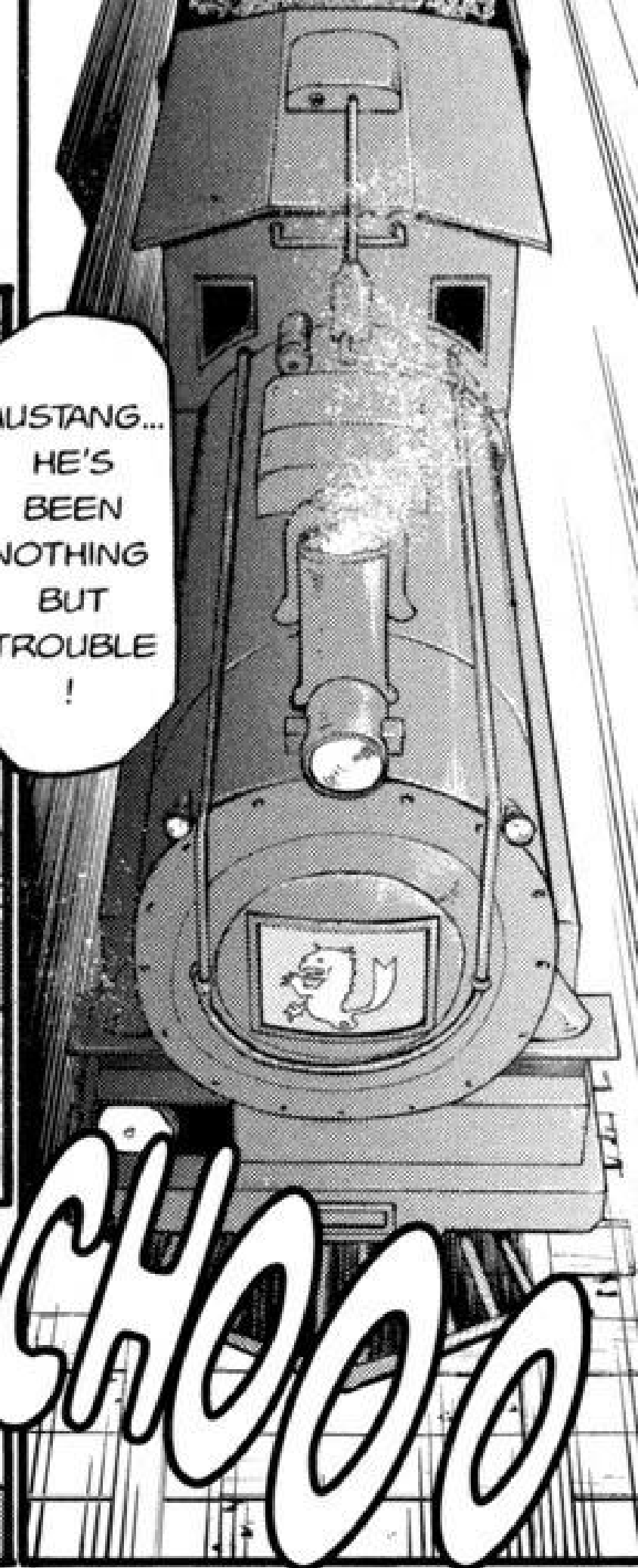


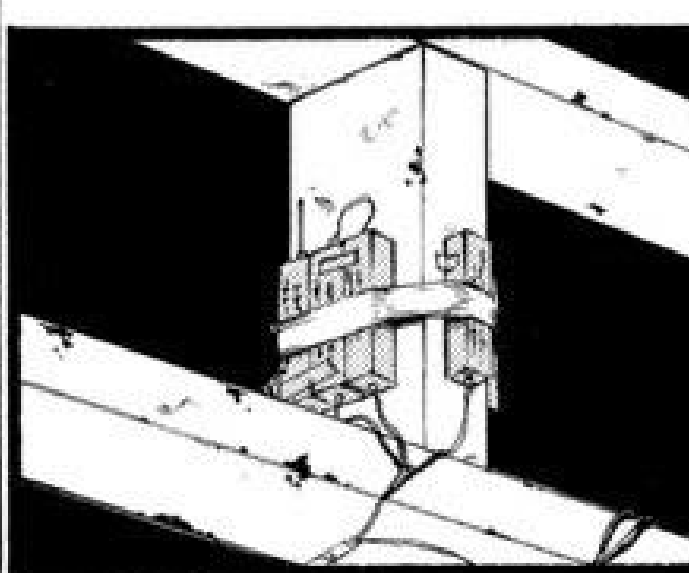
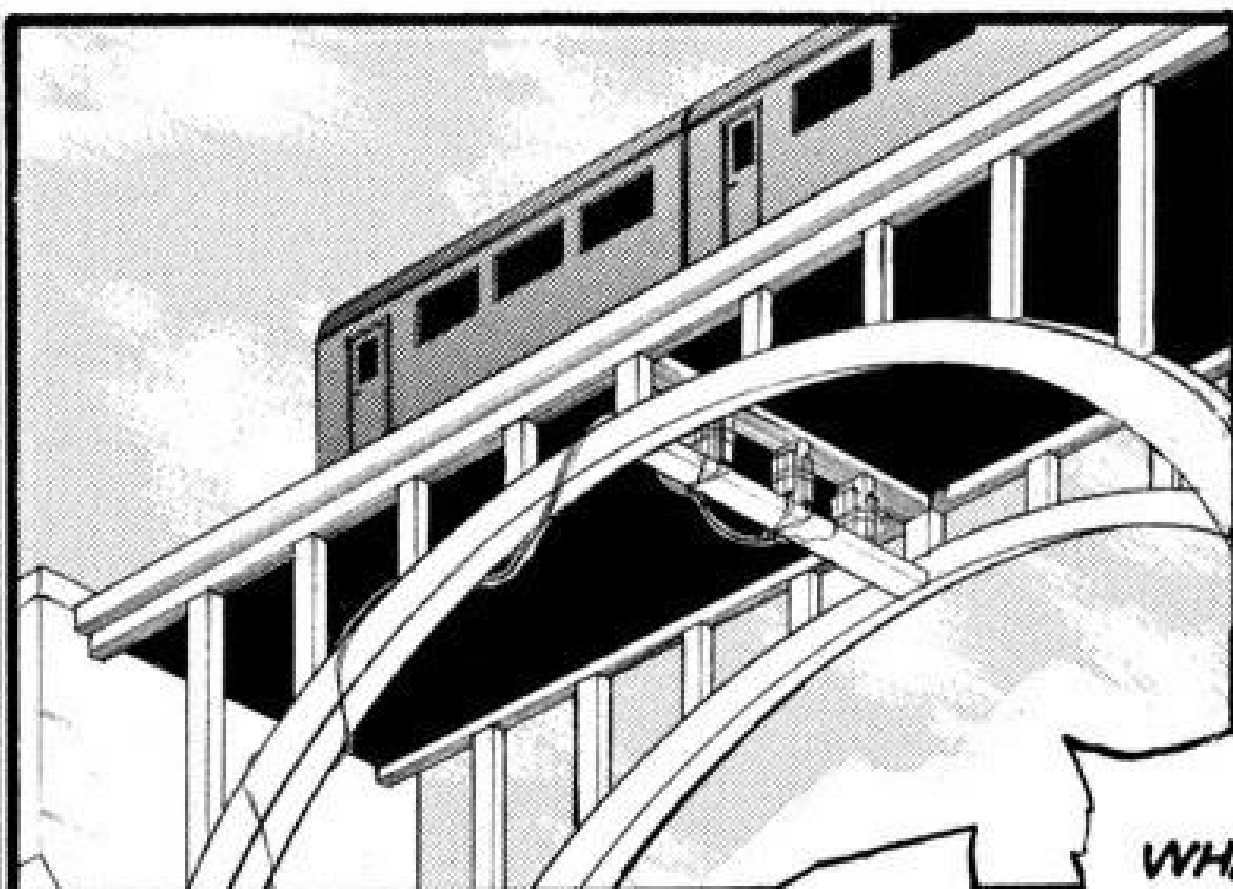
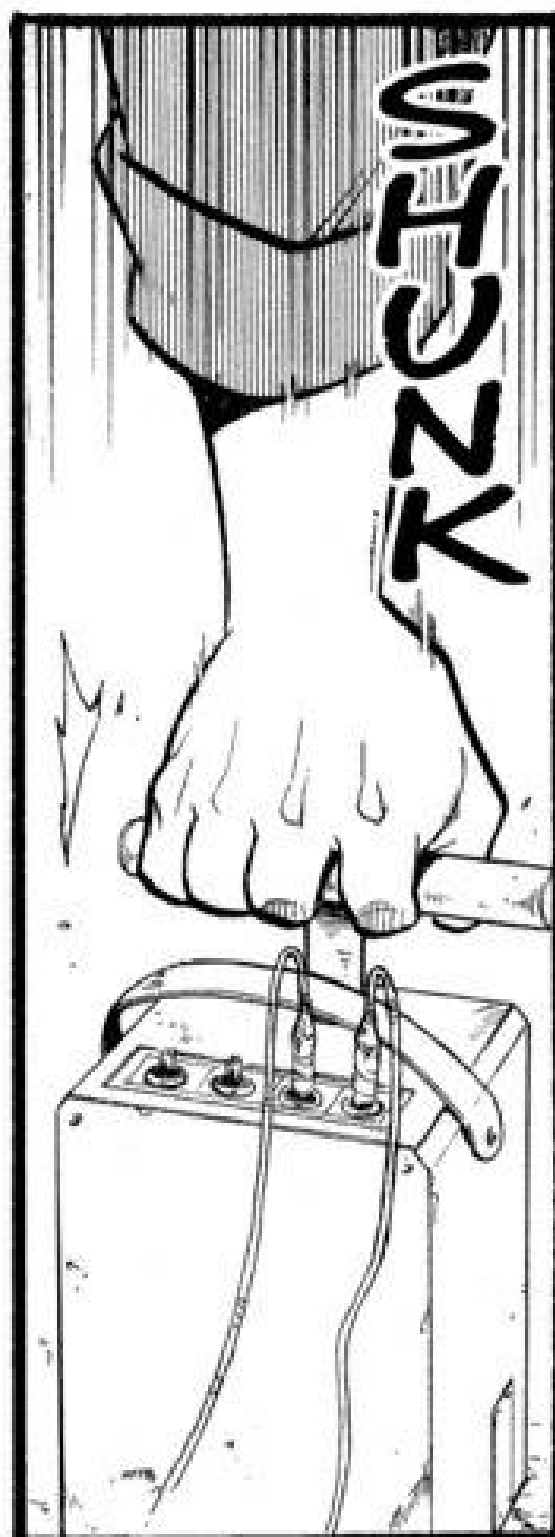








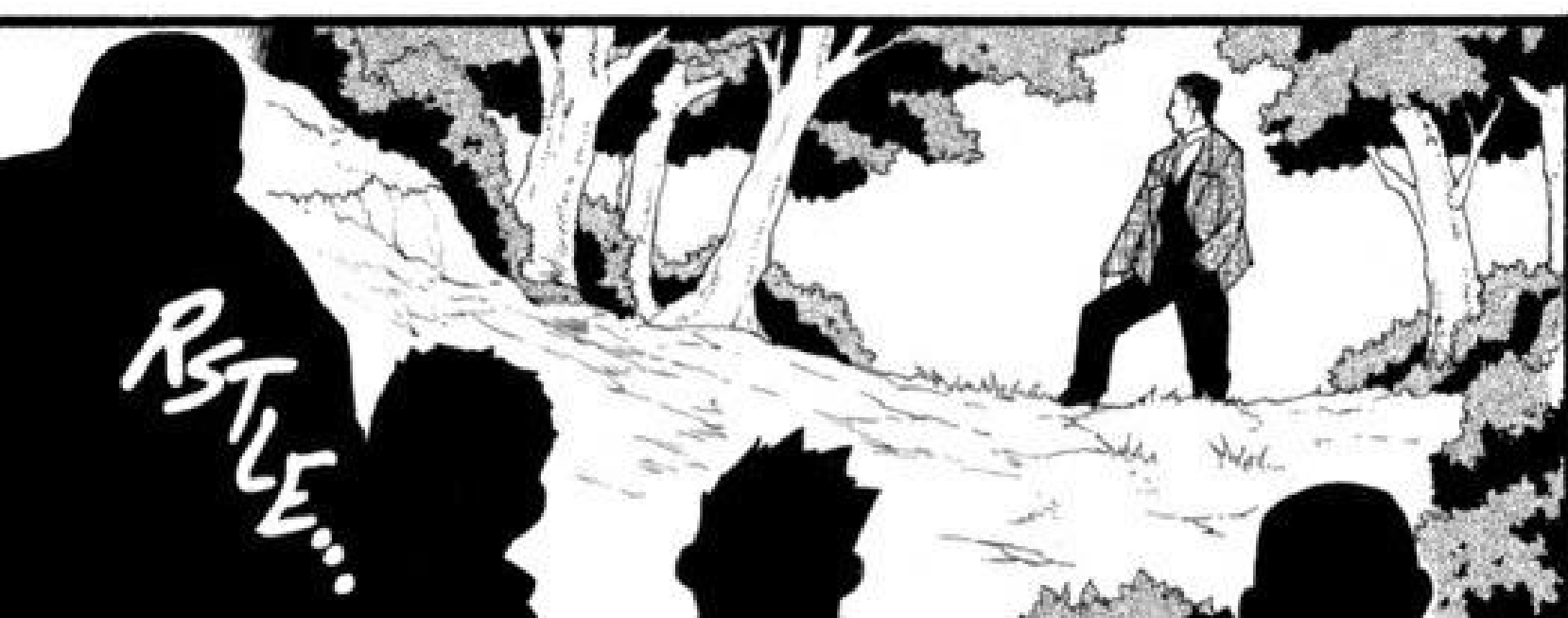


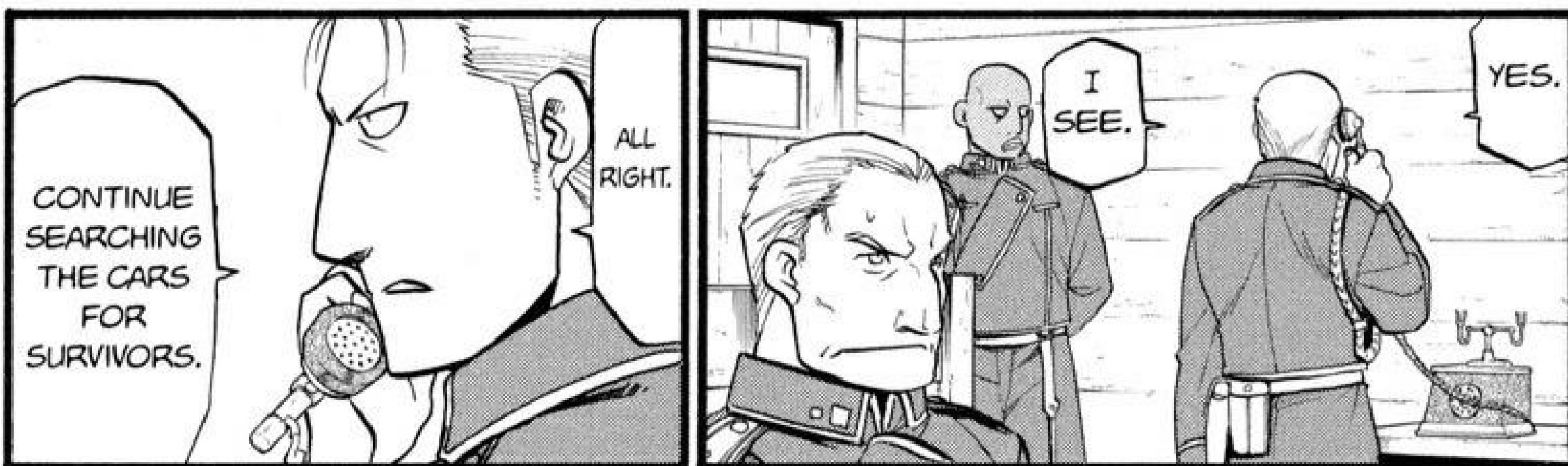
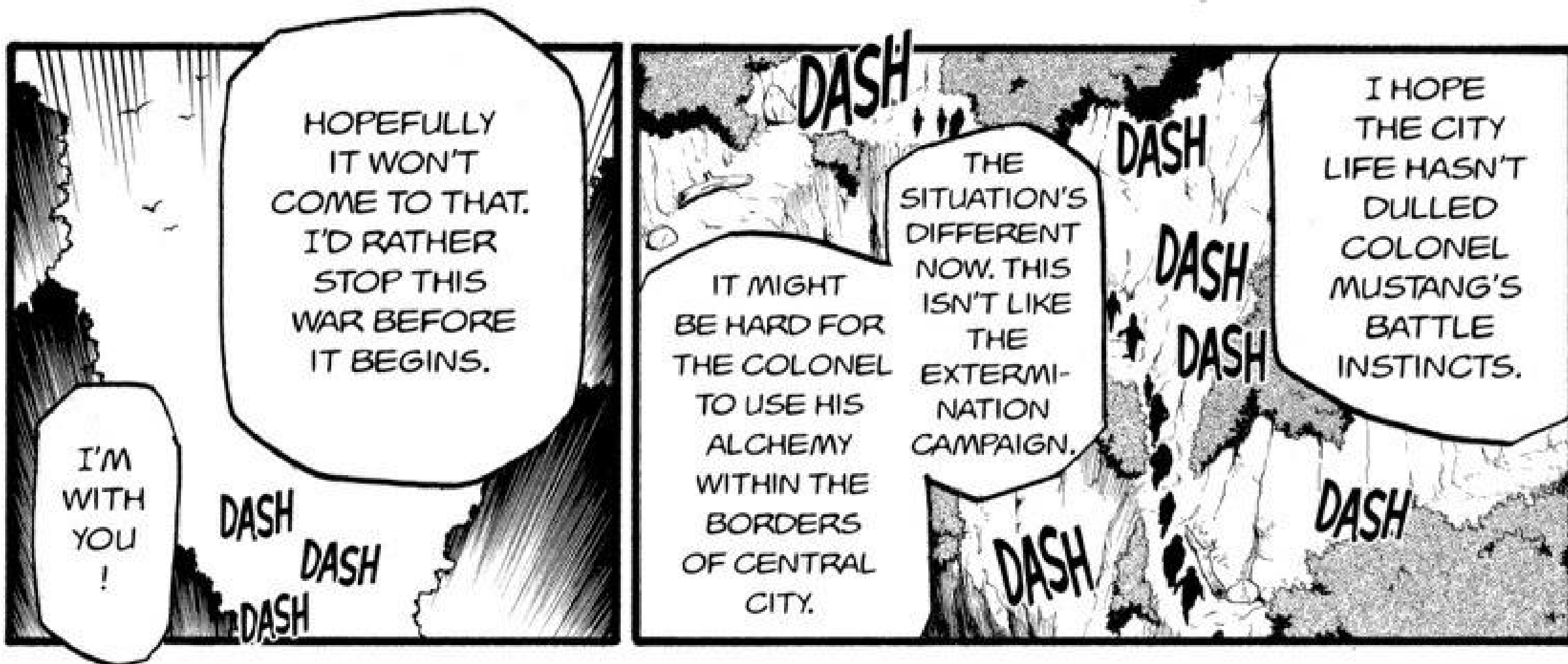


THEY'VE
LEFT
US
BEHIND
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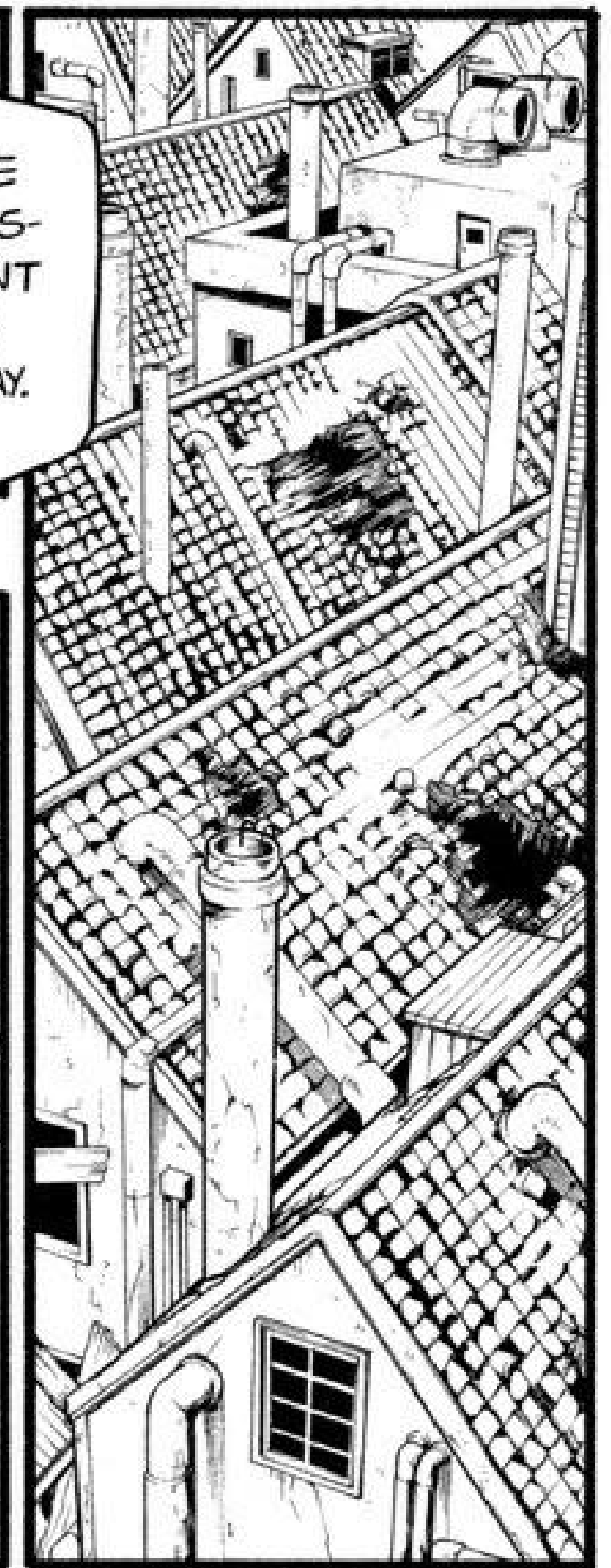
WHAT'S
THE
CON-
DUCTOR
DOING
?!

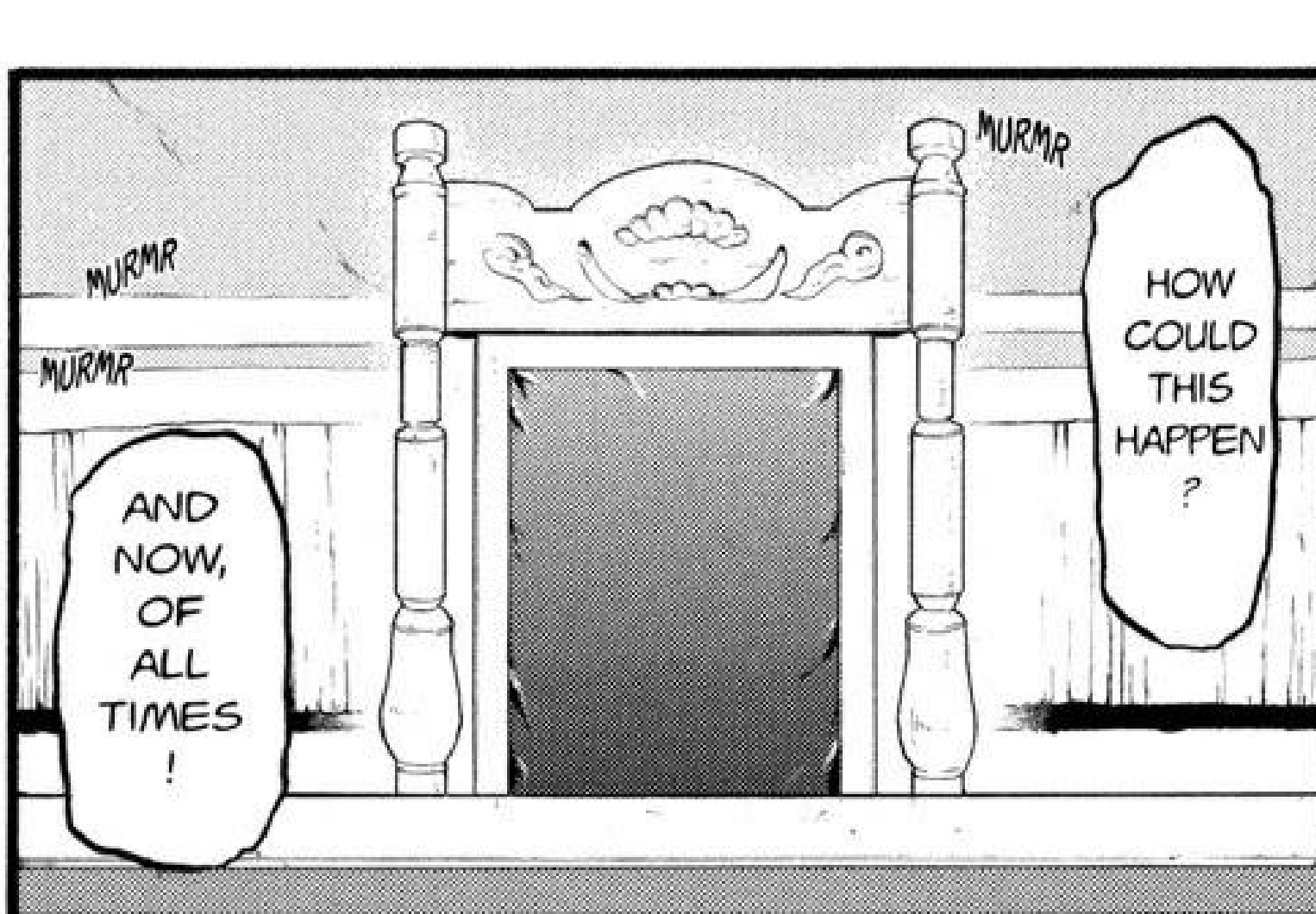


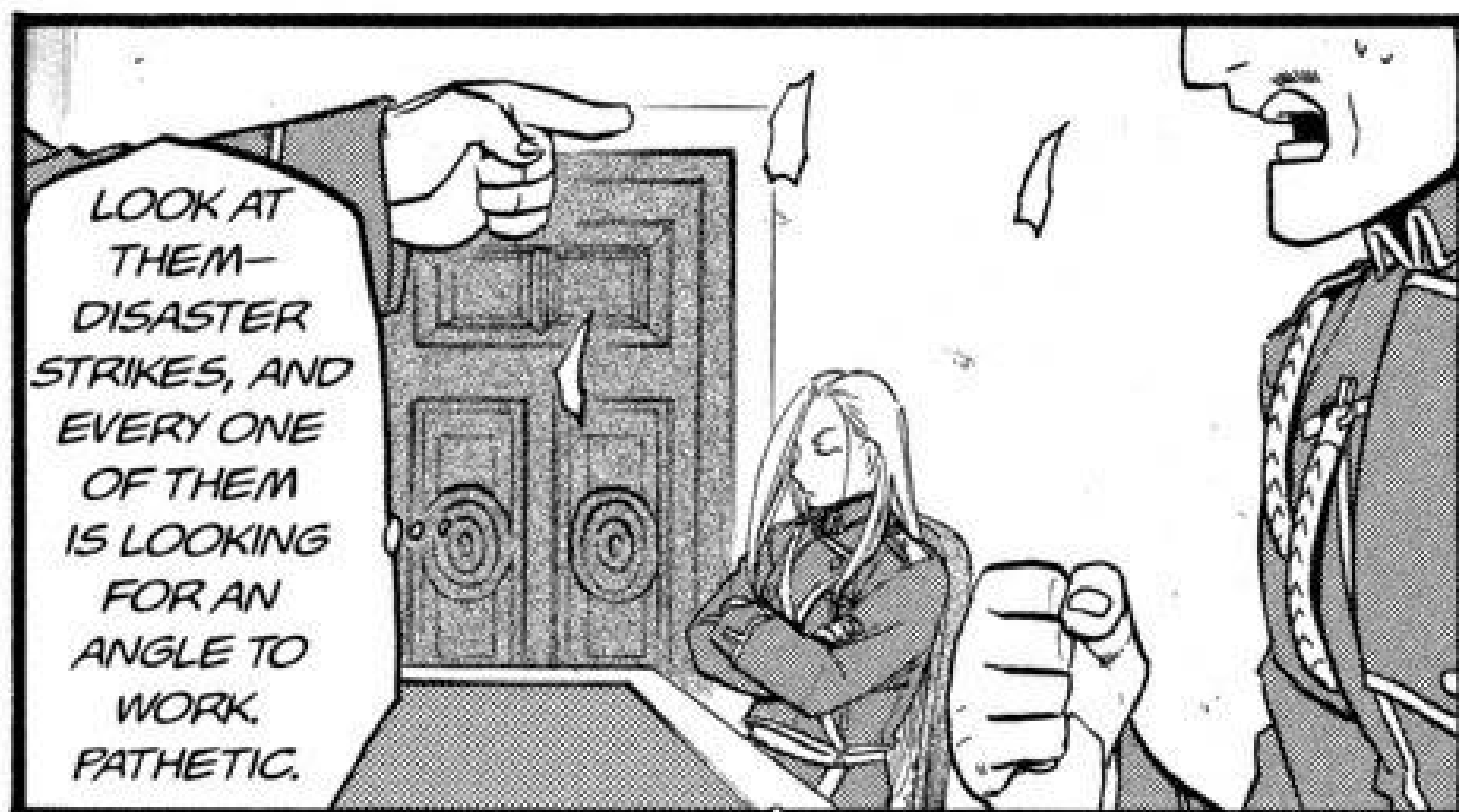








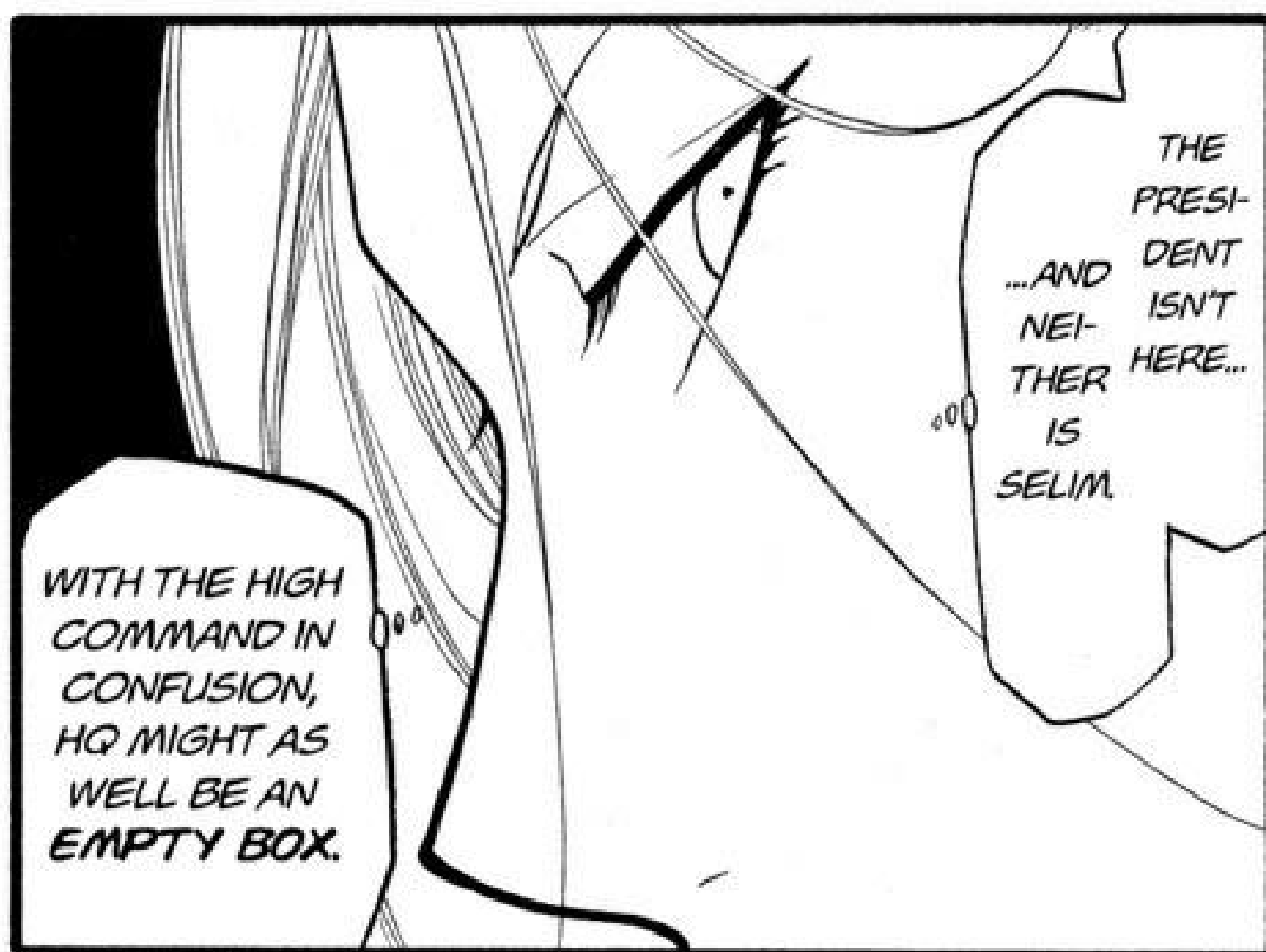




LOOK AT THEM—DISASTER STRIKES, AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS LOOKING FOR AN ANGLE TO WORK. PATHETIC.

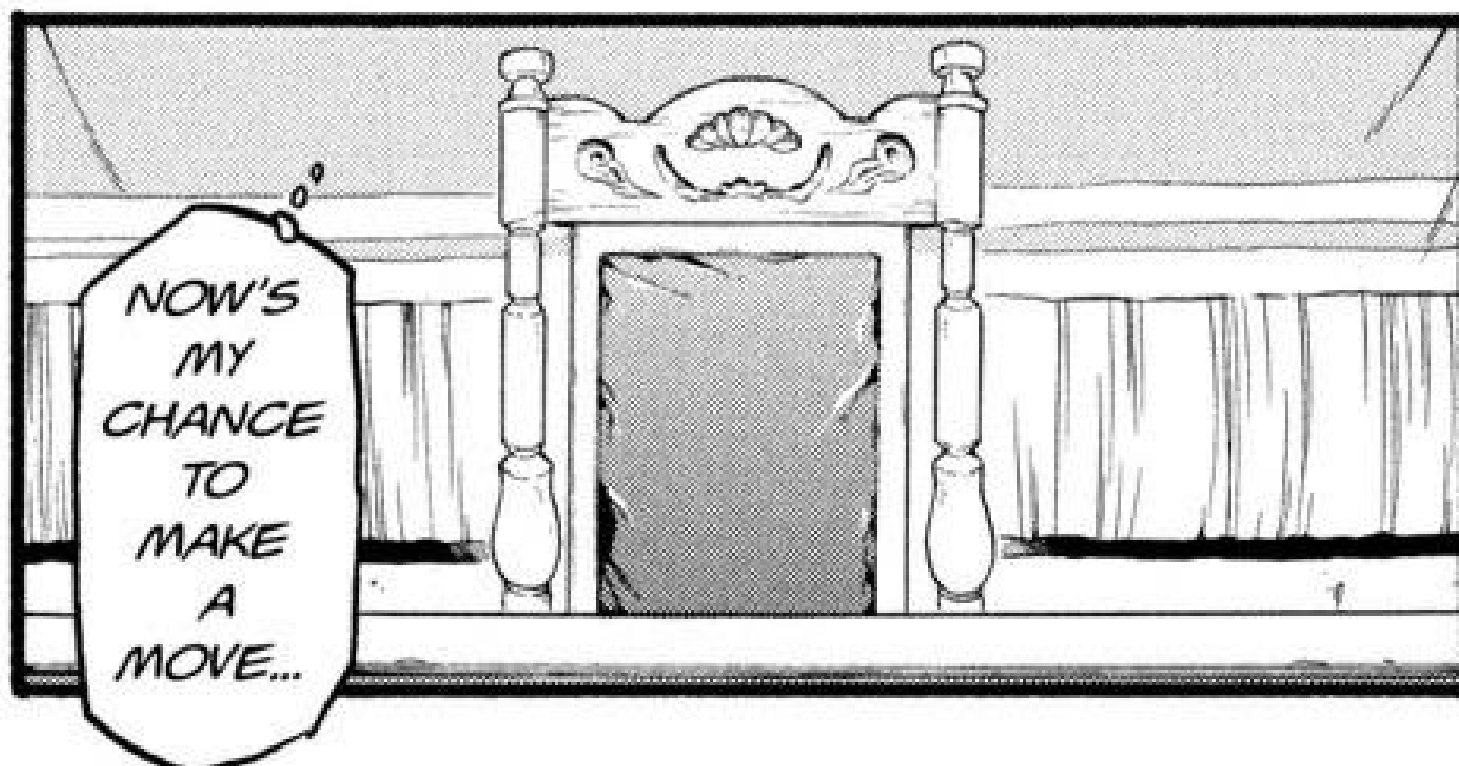


AND NOT ONE OF THEM IS MAN ENOUGH TO STEP UP.

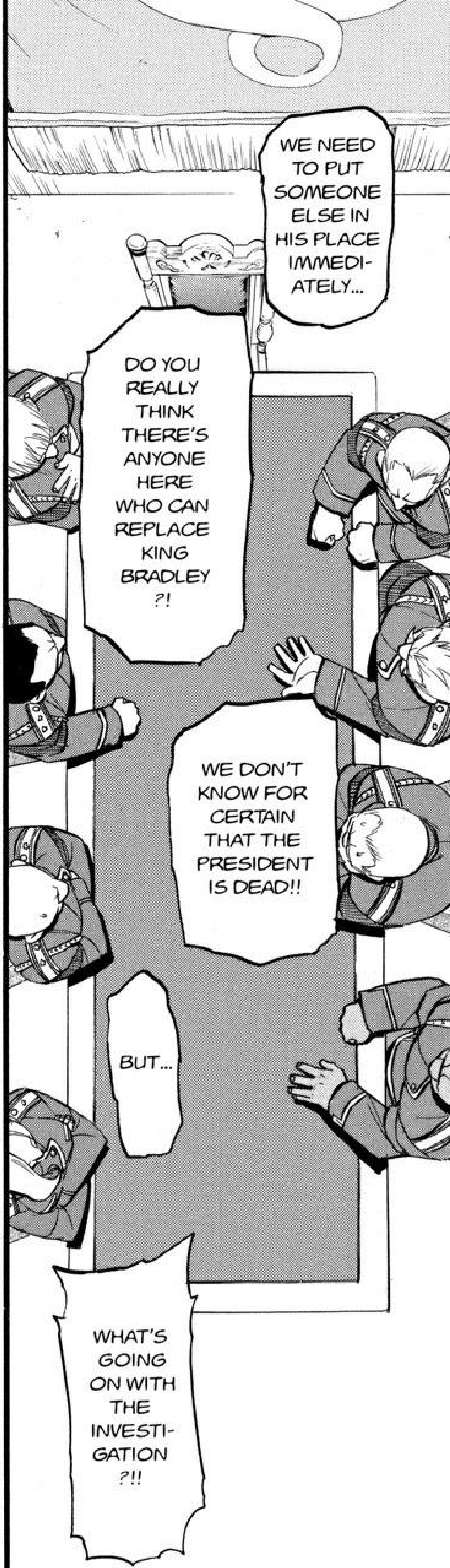


WITH THE HIGH COMMAND IN CONFUSION, HQ MIGHT AS WELL BE AN EMPTY BOX.

THE PRESIDENT ISN'T HERE...
...AND NEITHER IS SELIM.



NOW'S MY CHANCE TO MAKE A MOVE...



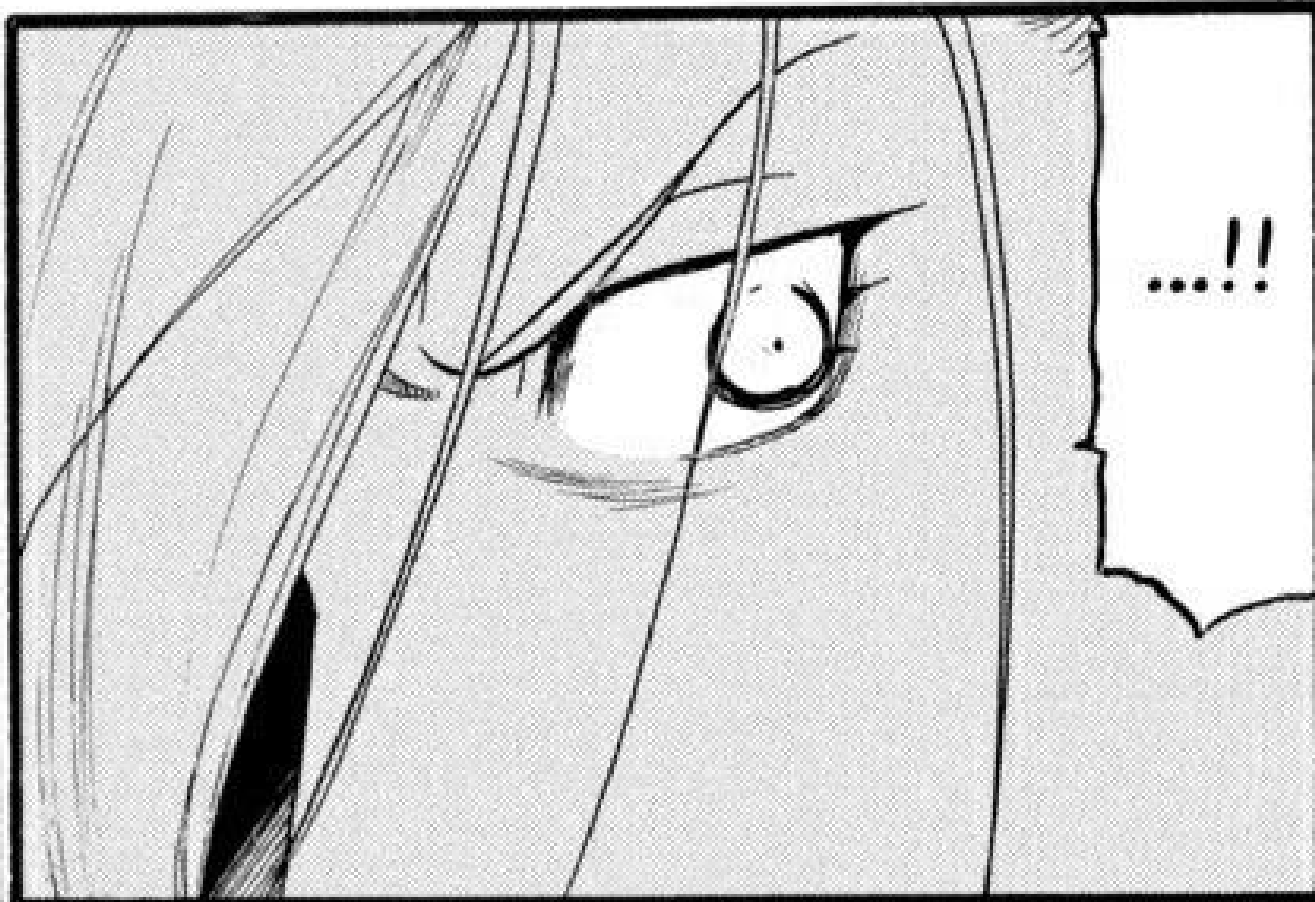
WE NEED TO PUT SOMEONE ELSE IN HIS PLACE IMMEDIATELY...

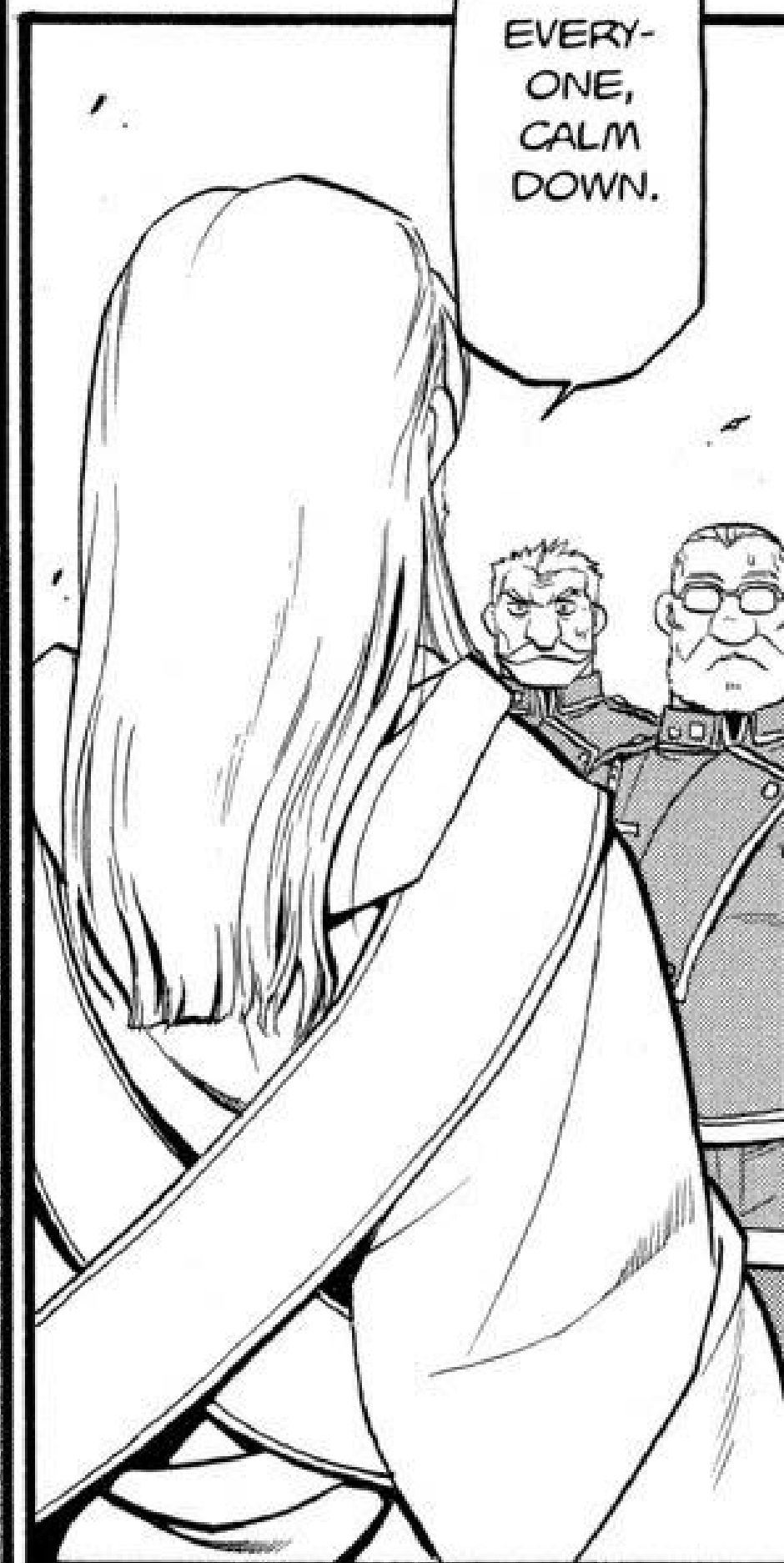
DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S ANYONE HERE WHO CAN REPLACE KING BRADLEY ?!

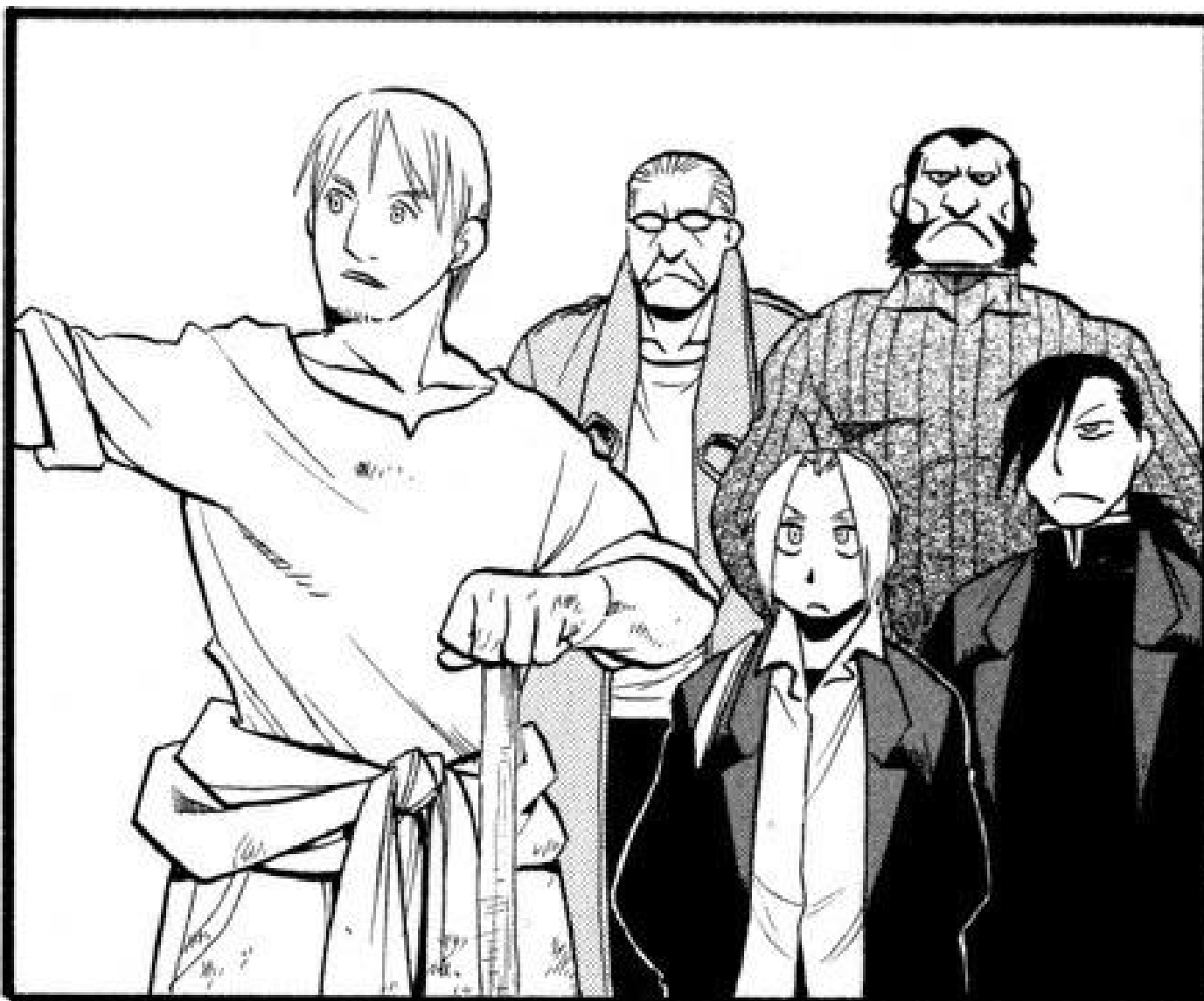
WE DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD!!

BUT...

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE INVESTIGATION ?!!

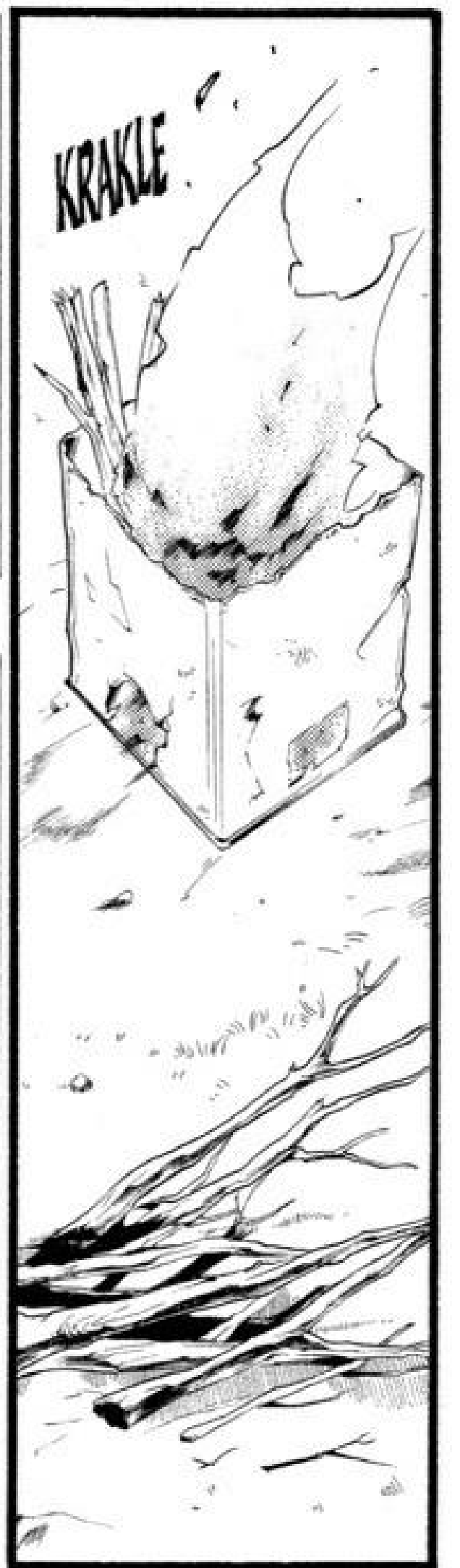


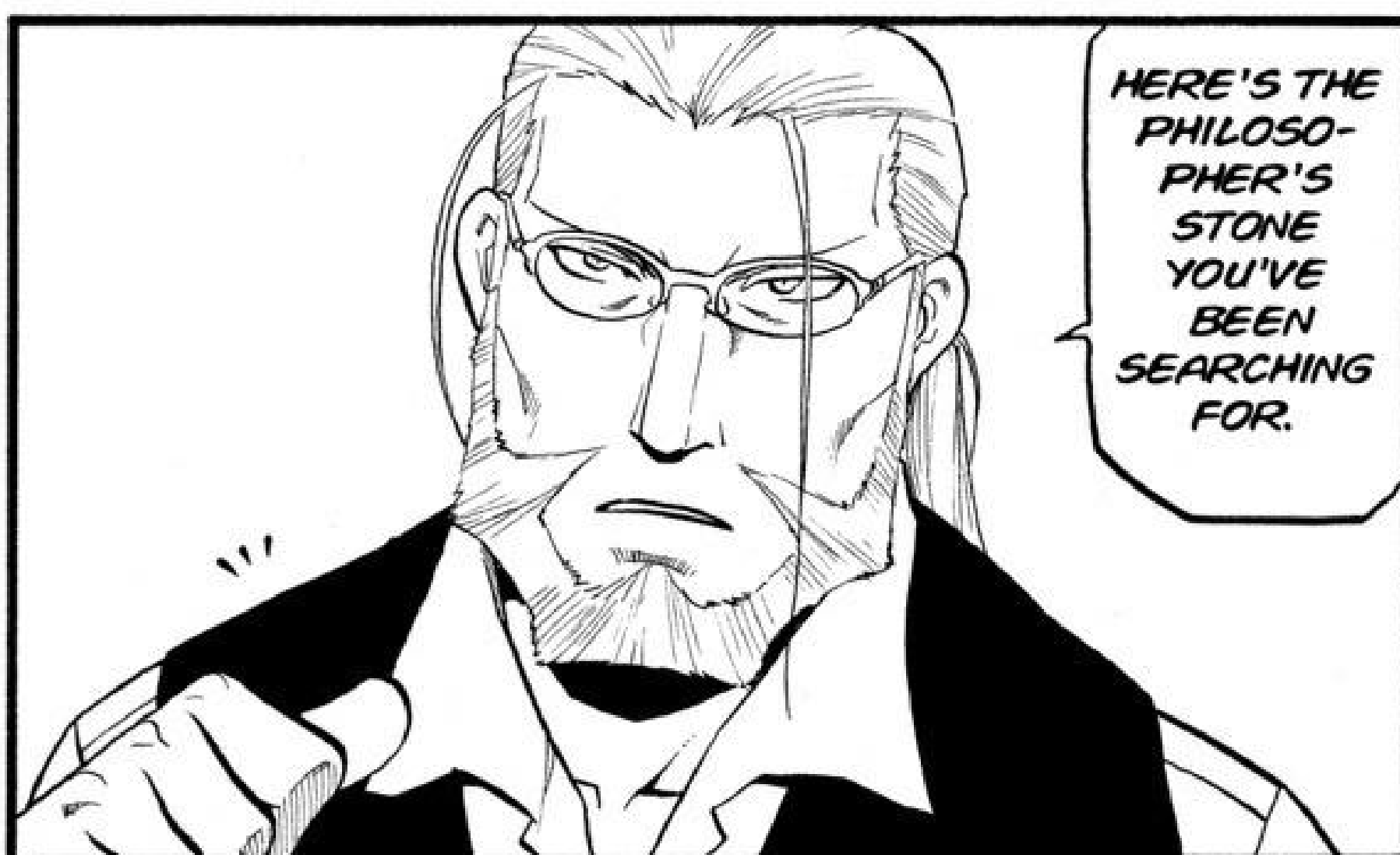












THE ONLY REASON I'M LISTENING TO YOU IS BECAUSE, FOR NOW, ALLYING WITH YOU SEEMS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO INCREASE OUR CHANCES OF WINNING!

HELP YOU ?

WILL YOU HELP ME TO STOP **HIS** PLANS?

I DON'T NEED TO JOIN WITH **YOU** TO STOP HIM!

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!

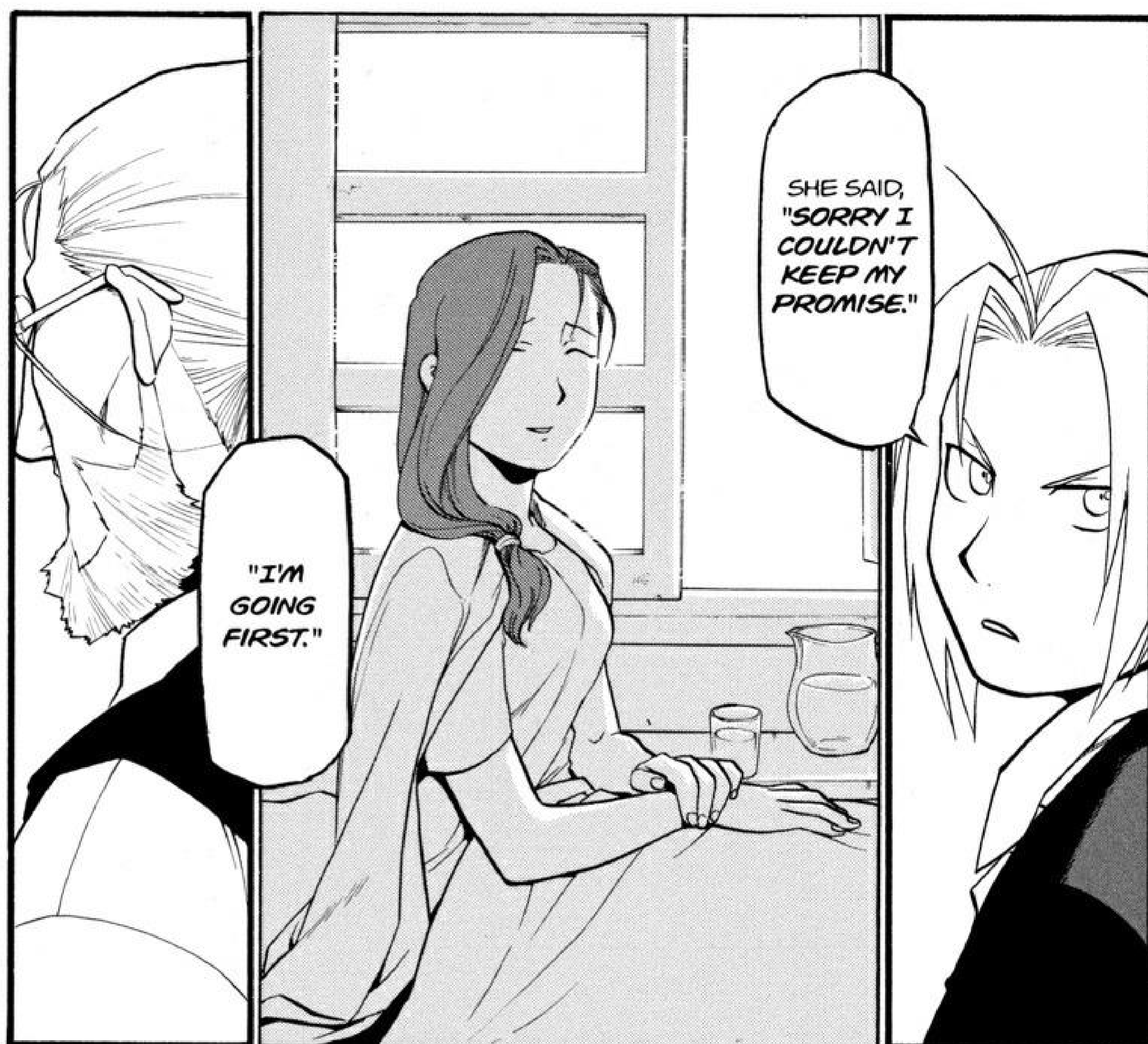
GET A BITE TO EAT AND A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

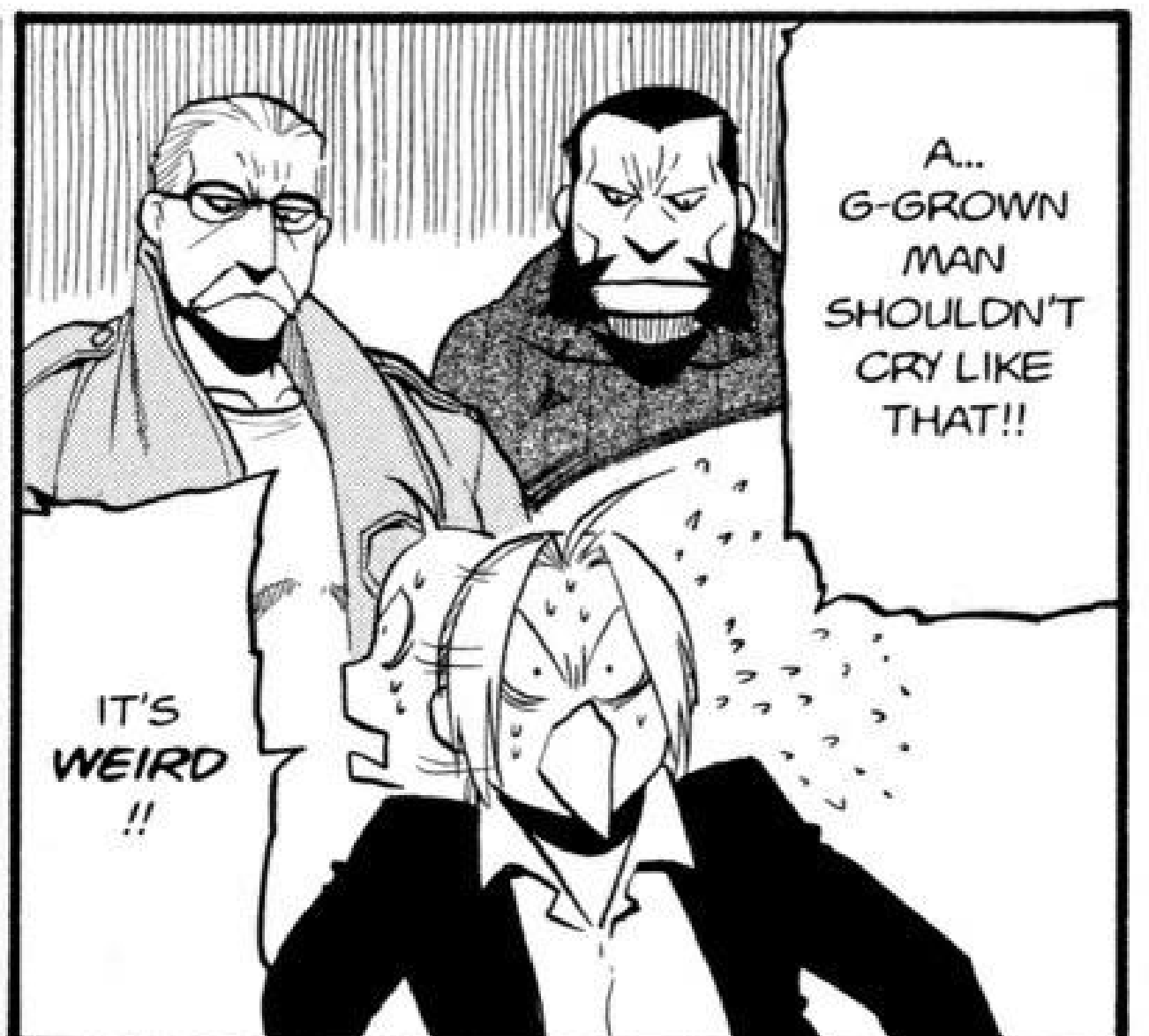
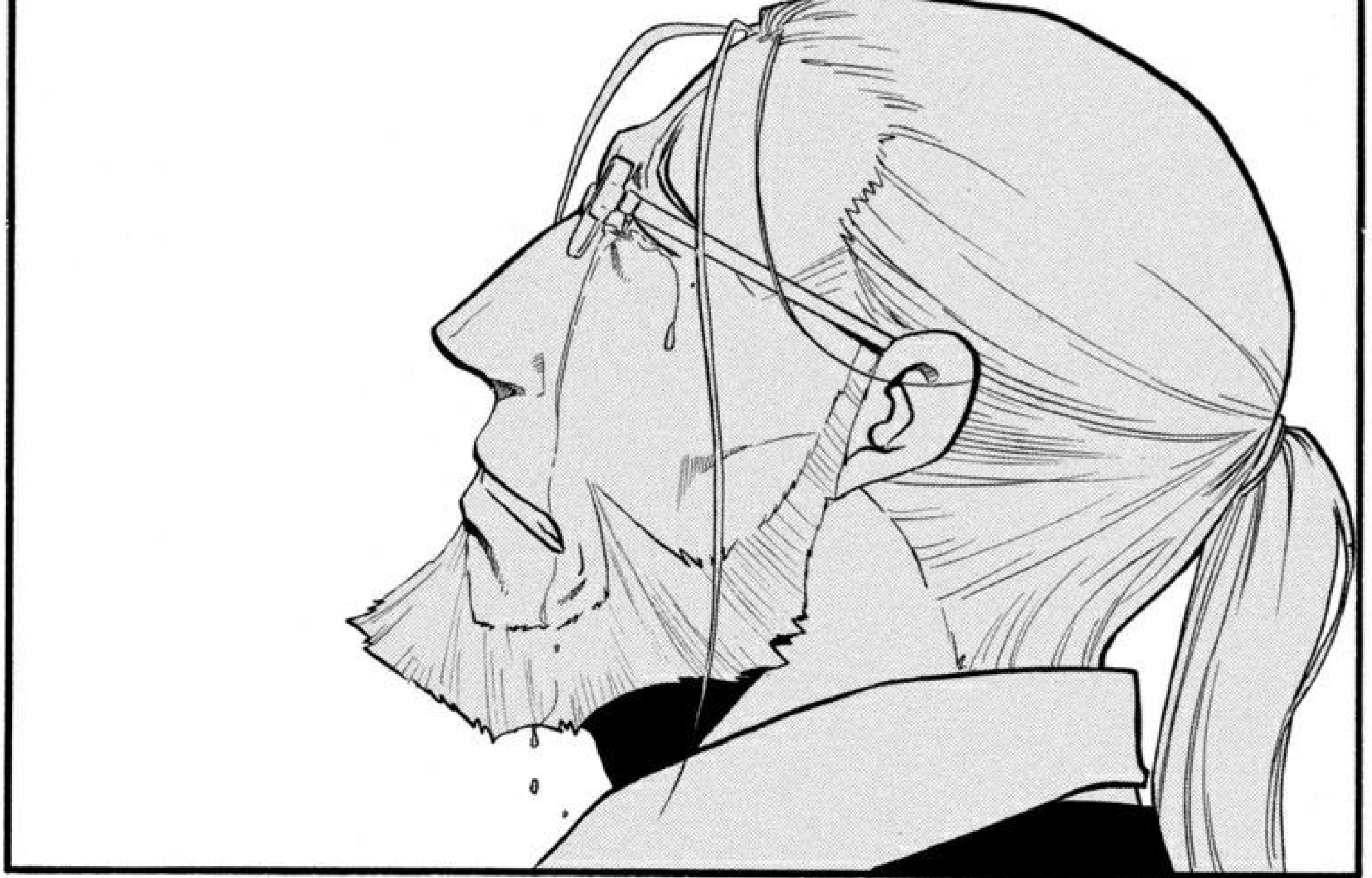
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.

WHATEVER YOUR MOTIVATIONS, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW WE'LL BE DOING THIS TOGETHER.

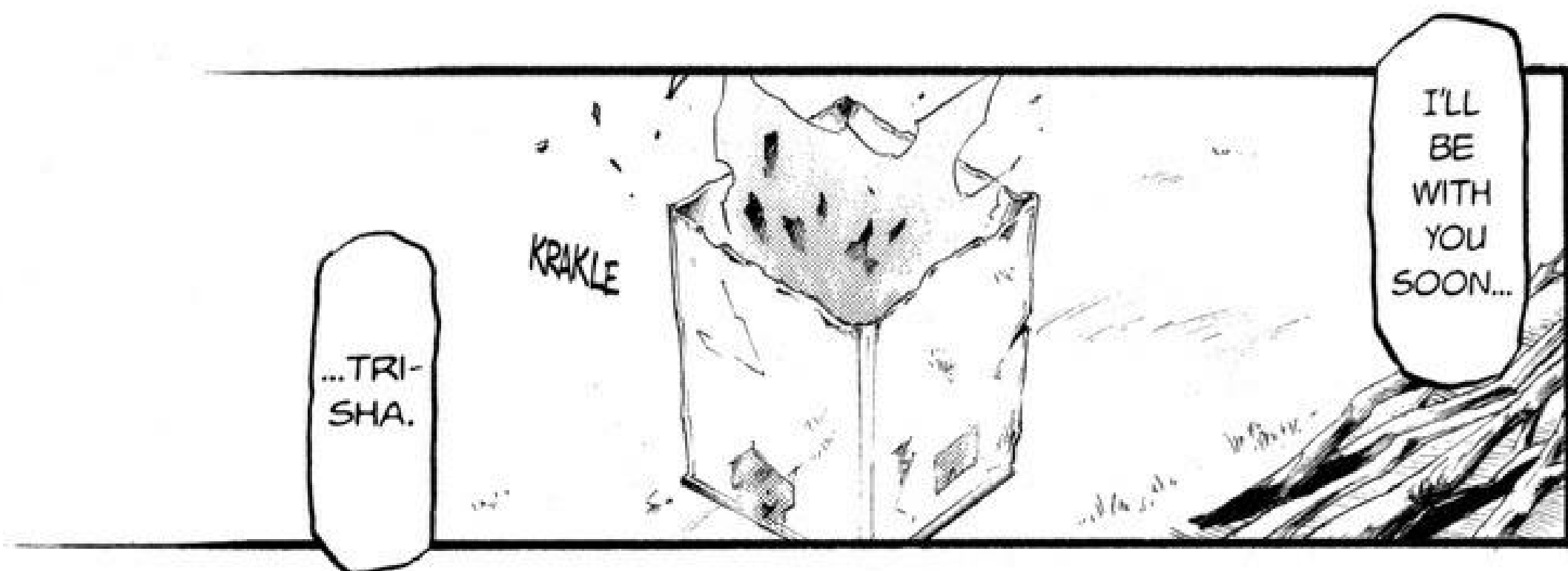
ALL RIGHT.

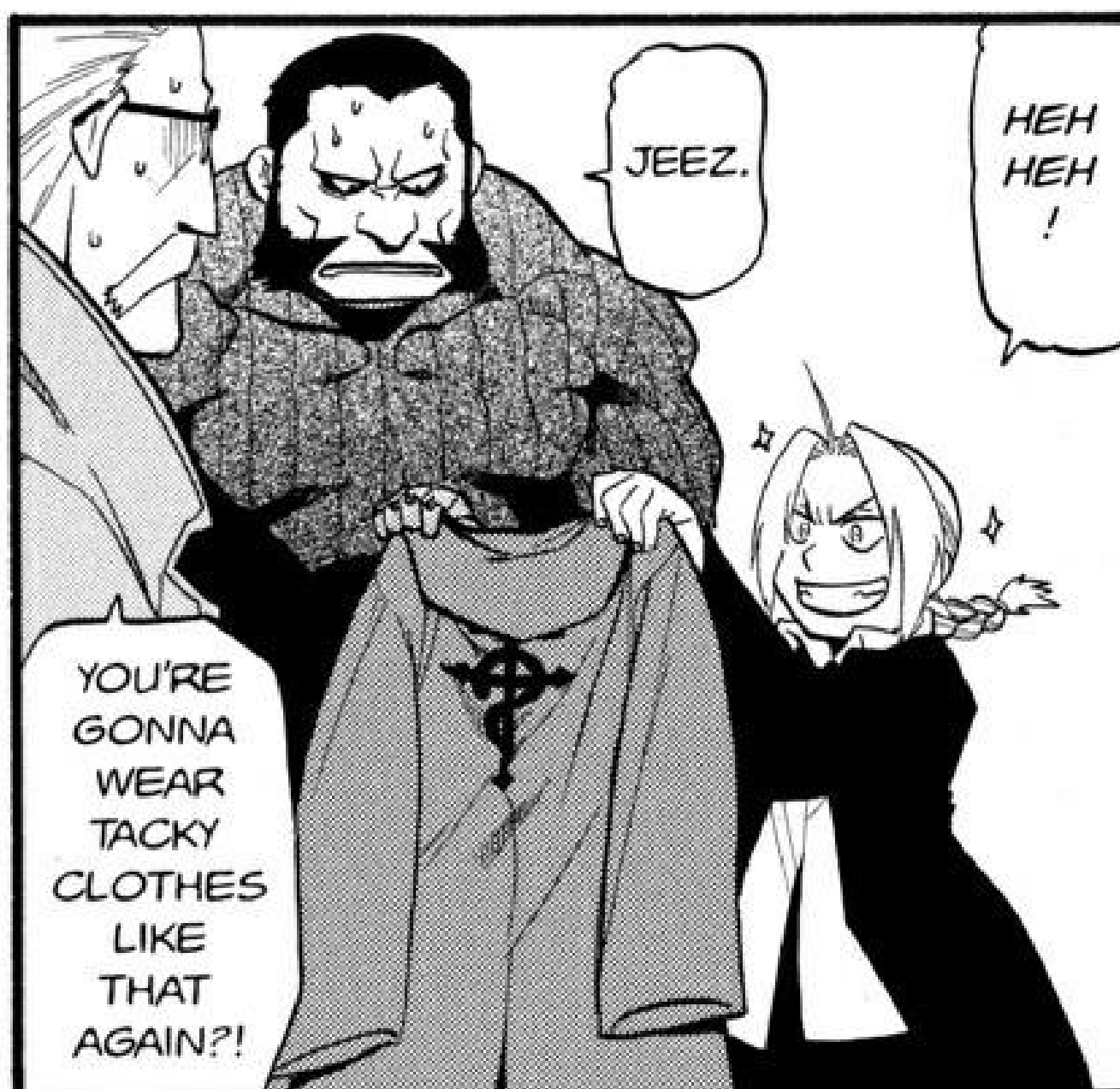
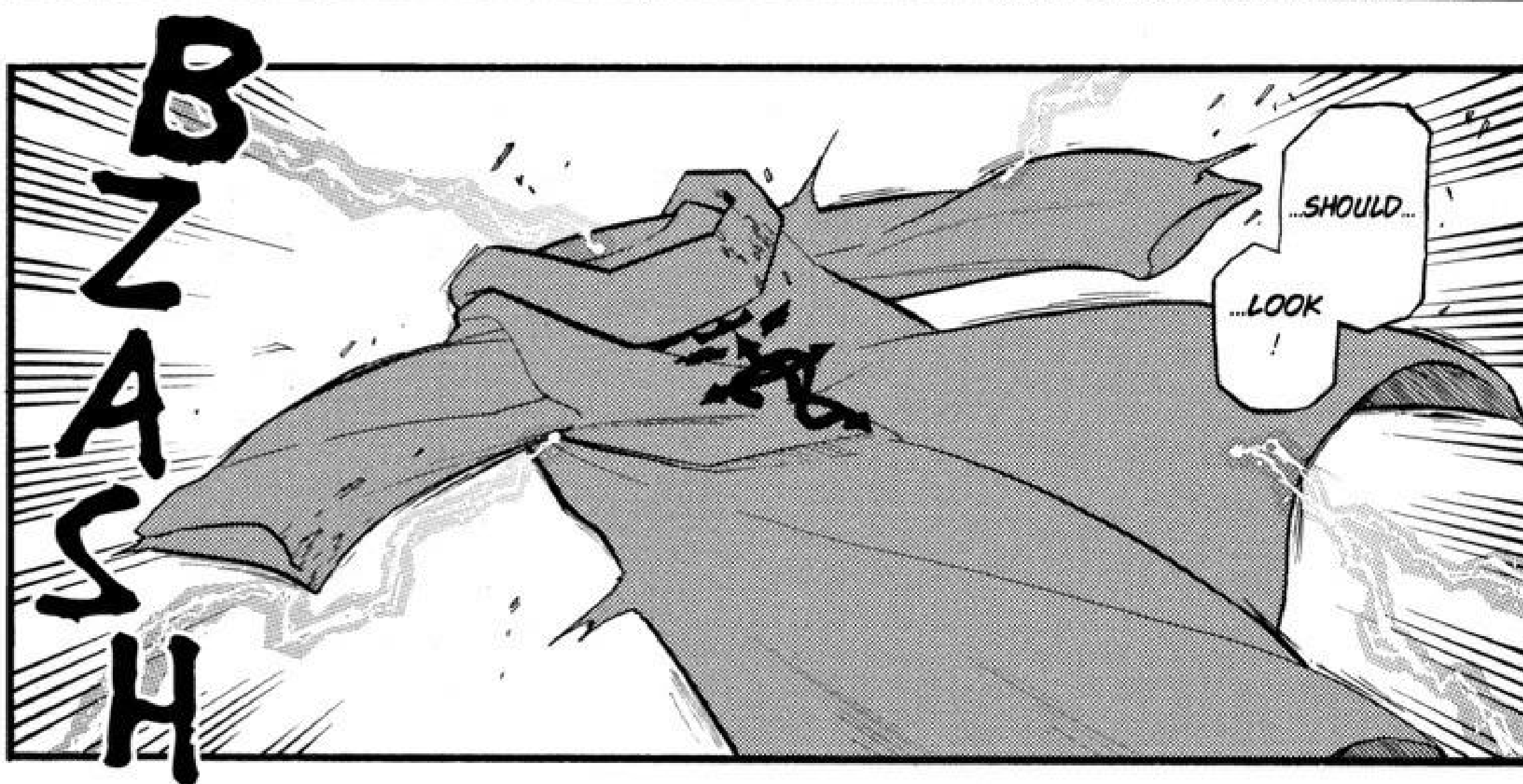
ER...
ALL RIGHT.













...SO I
WANTED
TO MAKE
SURE
I WAS
PREPARED.

THIS IS
PROBABLY
GOING
TO BE
OUR LAST
BATTLE...



HEY HEY!
CAN IT,
CRONY.
YOU DON'T
MAKE THE
DECISIONS
AROUND
HERE.
I DO.

IF YOU
LEFT NOW,
YOU COULD
PROBABLY
GET OUT
OF THE
COUNTRY
BEFORE
THINGS
REALLY
HEAT UP.

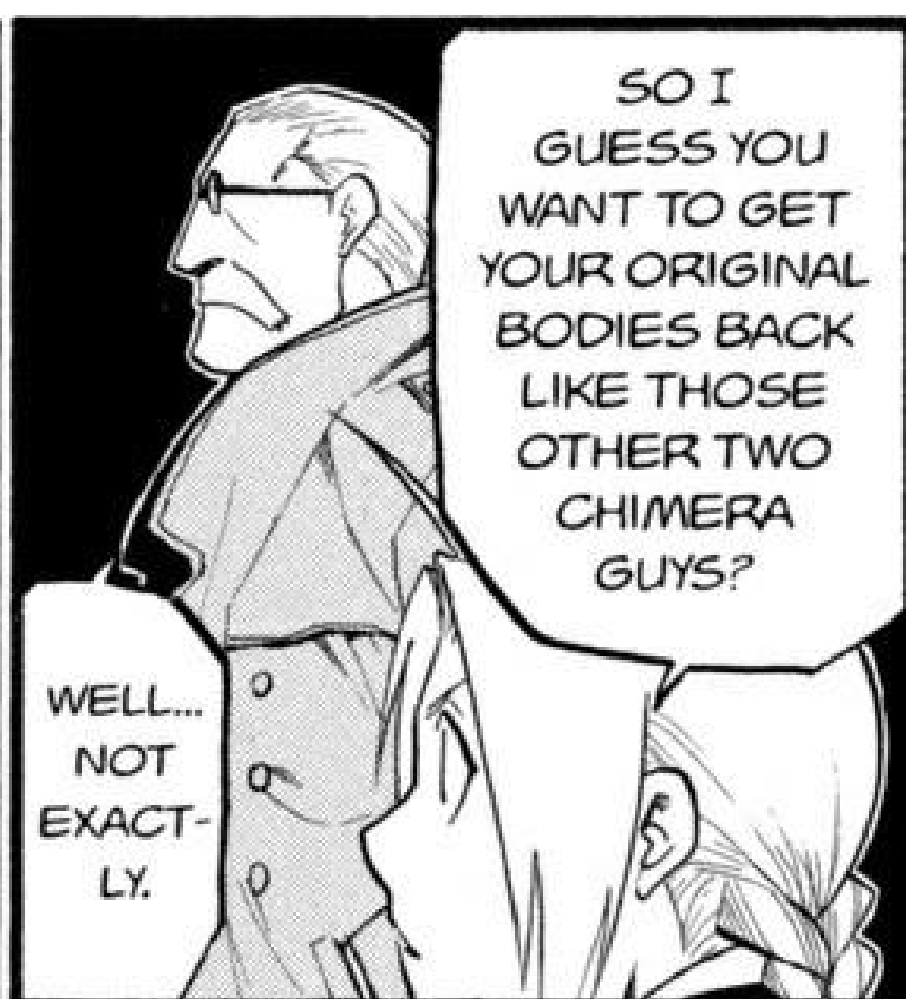
YOU KNOW,
YOU TWO
OLD-TIMERS
DON'T HAVE
TO TRAVEL
WITH US
ANYMORE
IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO,
RIGHT?



HA HA HA!
THAT'S
WHAT I
LIKE TO
HEAR.

YEAH. I
GOT NO
PROBLEM
STAYING
LIKE
THIS.

I HAVE
TO ADMIT,
I KINDA
LIKE
BEING
THIS WAY.



WELL...
NOT
EXACT-
LY.

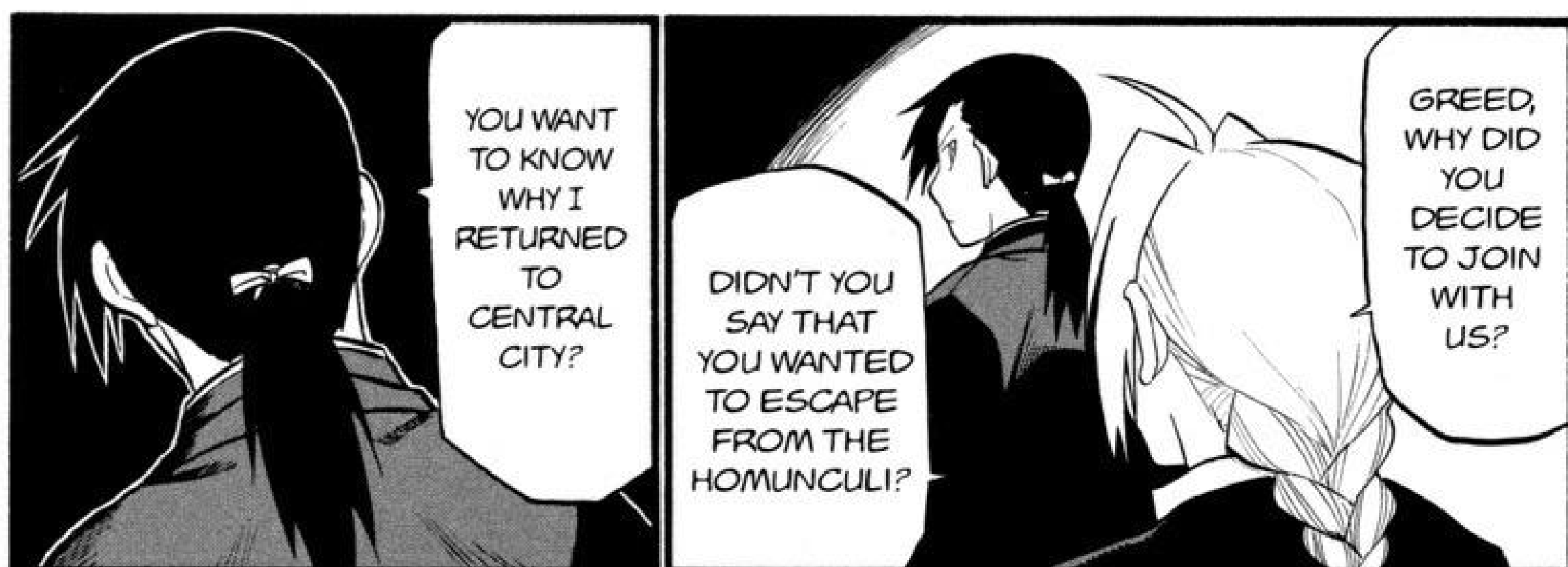
SO I
GUESS YOU
WANT TO GET
YOUR ORIGINAL
BODIES BACK
LIKE THOSE
OTHER TWO
CHIMERA
GUYS?



...MY ANIMAL
INSTINCTS
TELL ME
THAT IT'S
BETTER FOR
US TO STAY
WITH YOU.

UH-HUH.
BUT
MOSTLY...

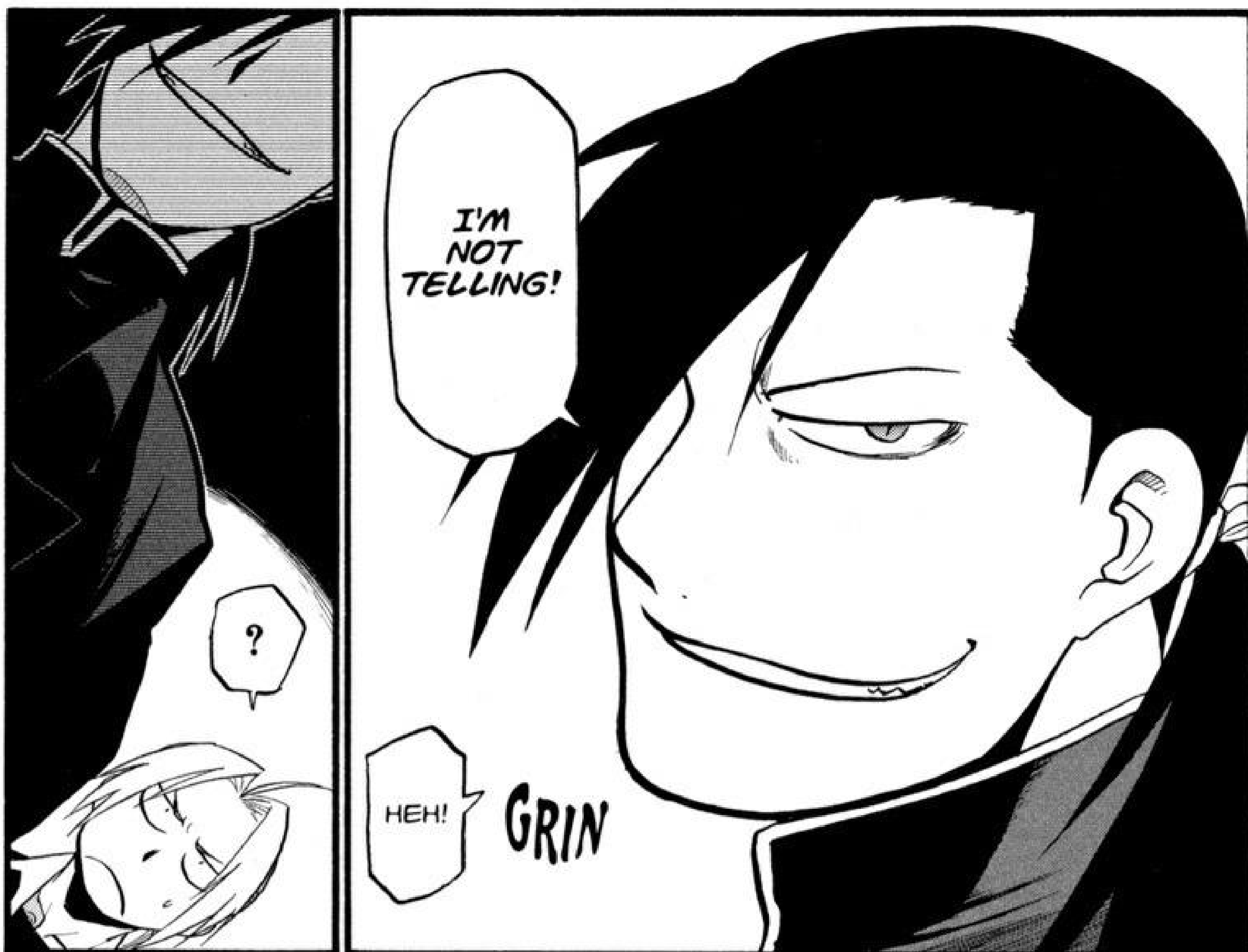
BUT
WE DON'T
REALLY HAVE
ANYWHERE
ELSE
TO GO.



YOU WANT
TO KNOW
WHY I
RETURNED
TO
CENTRAL
CITY?

DIDN'T YOU
SAY THAT
YOU WANTED
TO ESCAPE
FROM THE
HOMUNCULI?

GREED,
WHY DID
YOU
DECIDE
TO JOIN
WITH
US?



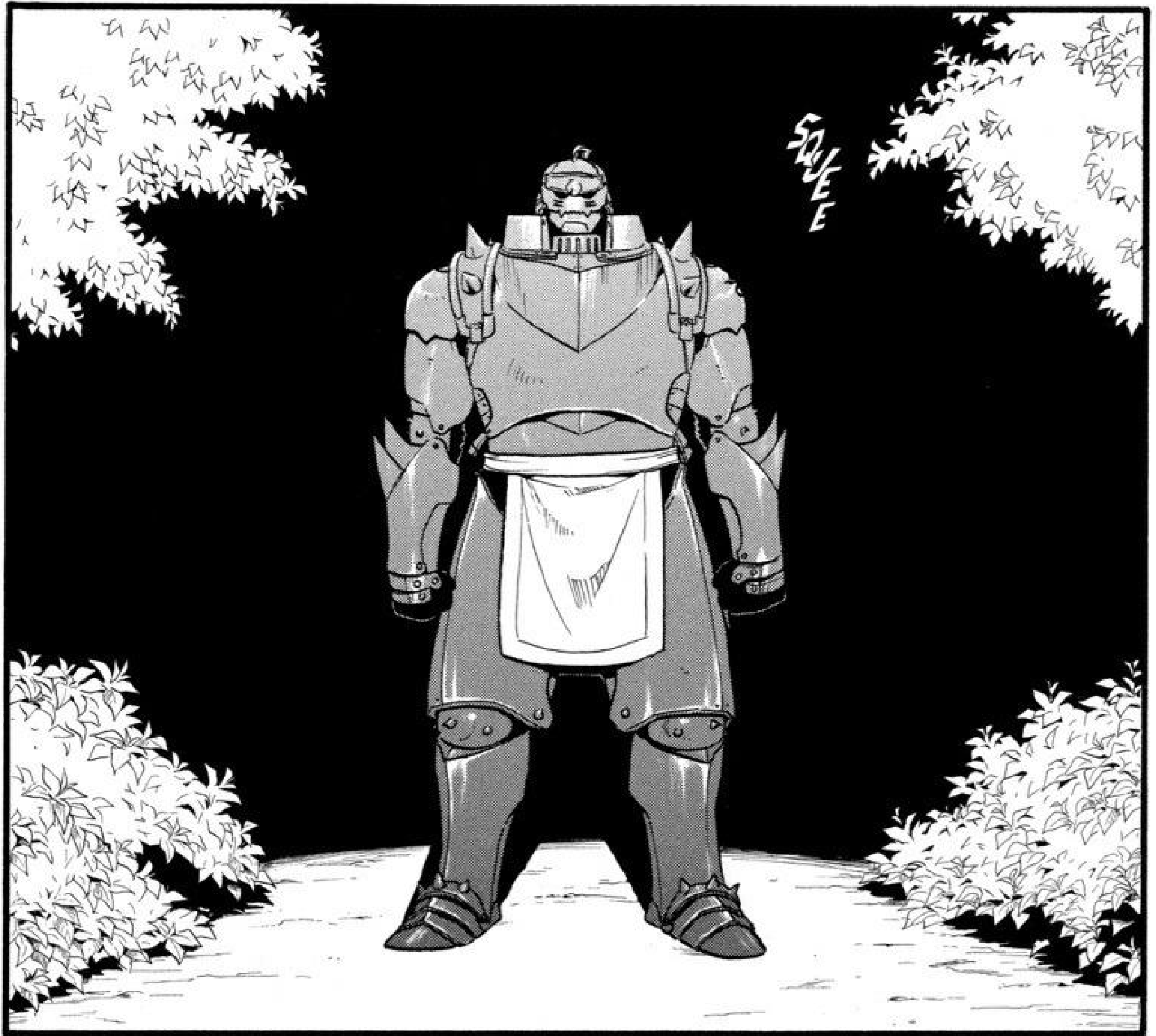
I'M
NOT
TELLING!

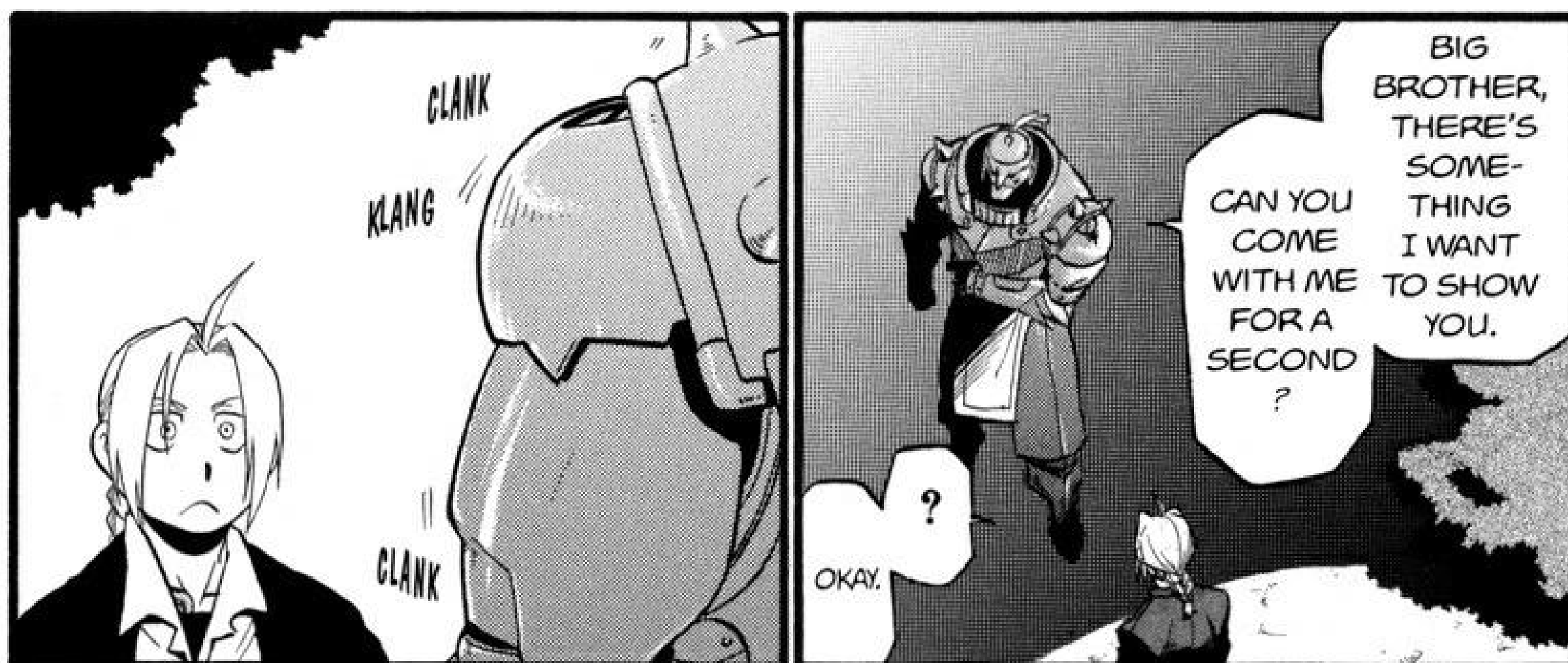
HEH!

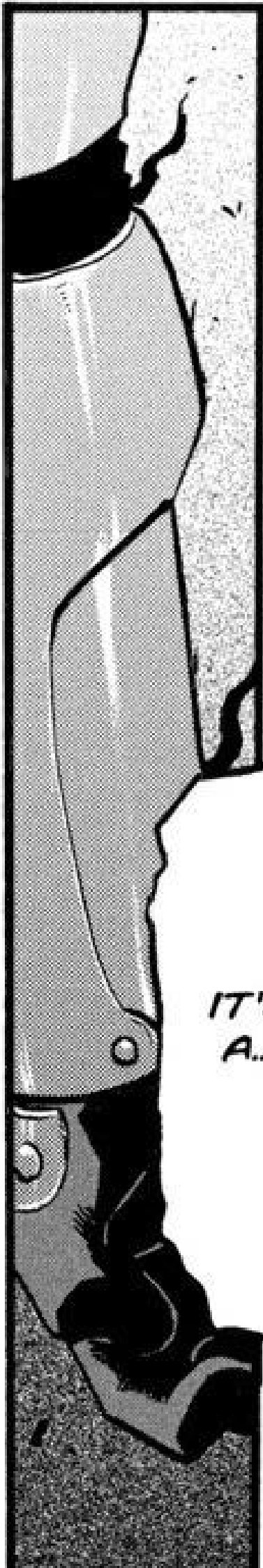
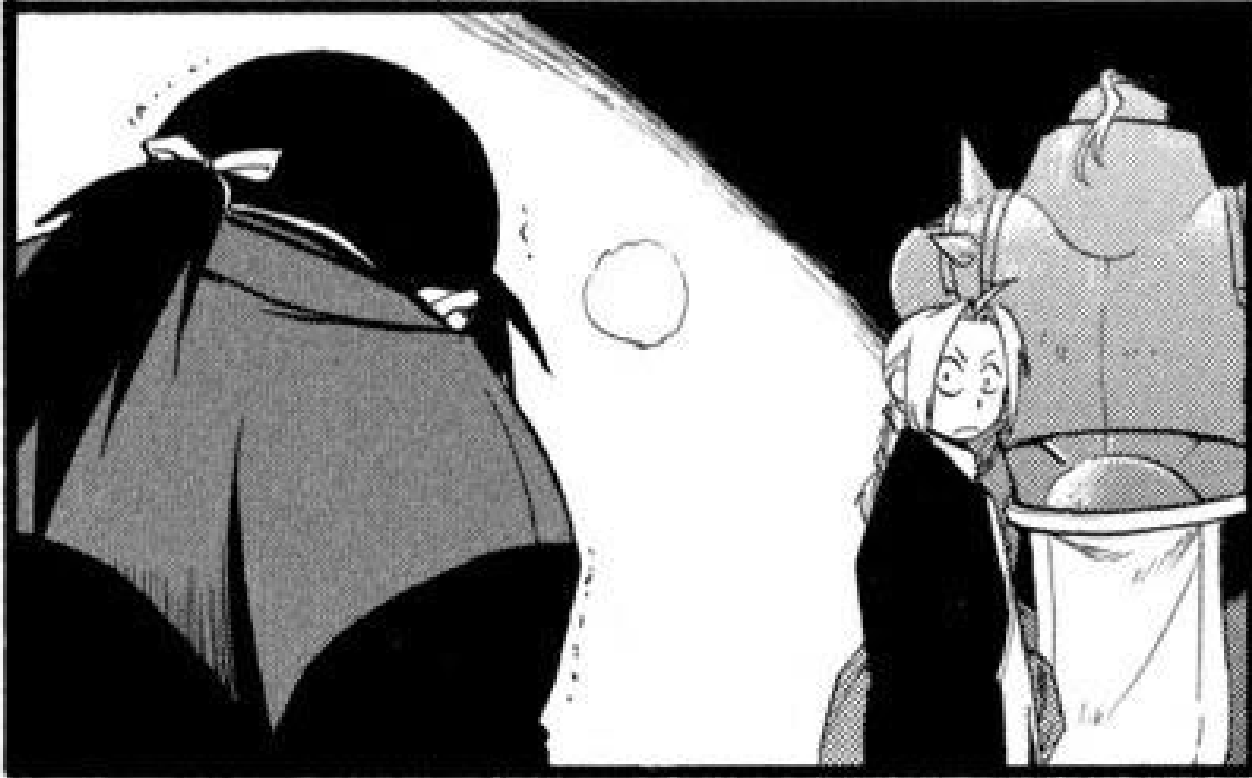
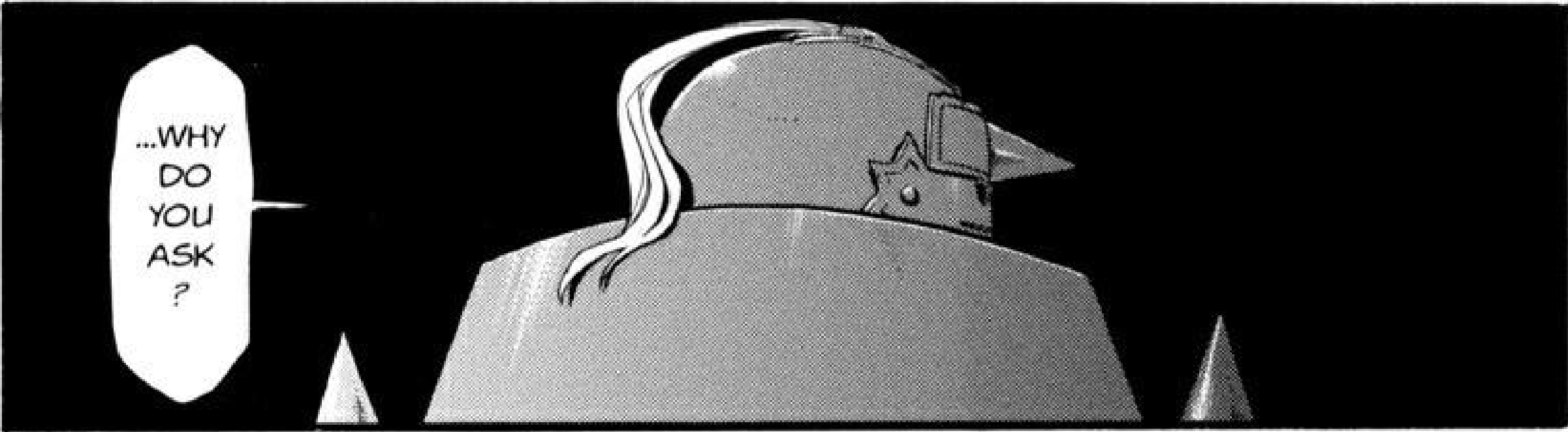
GRIN

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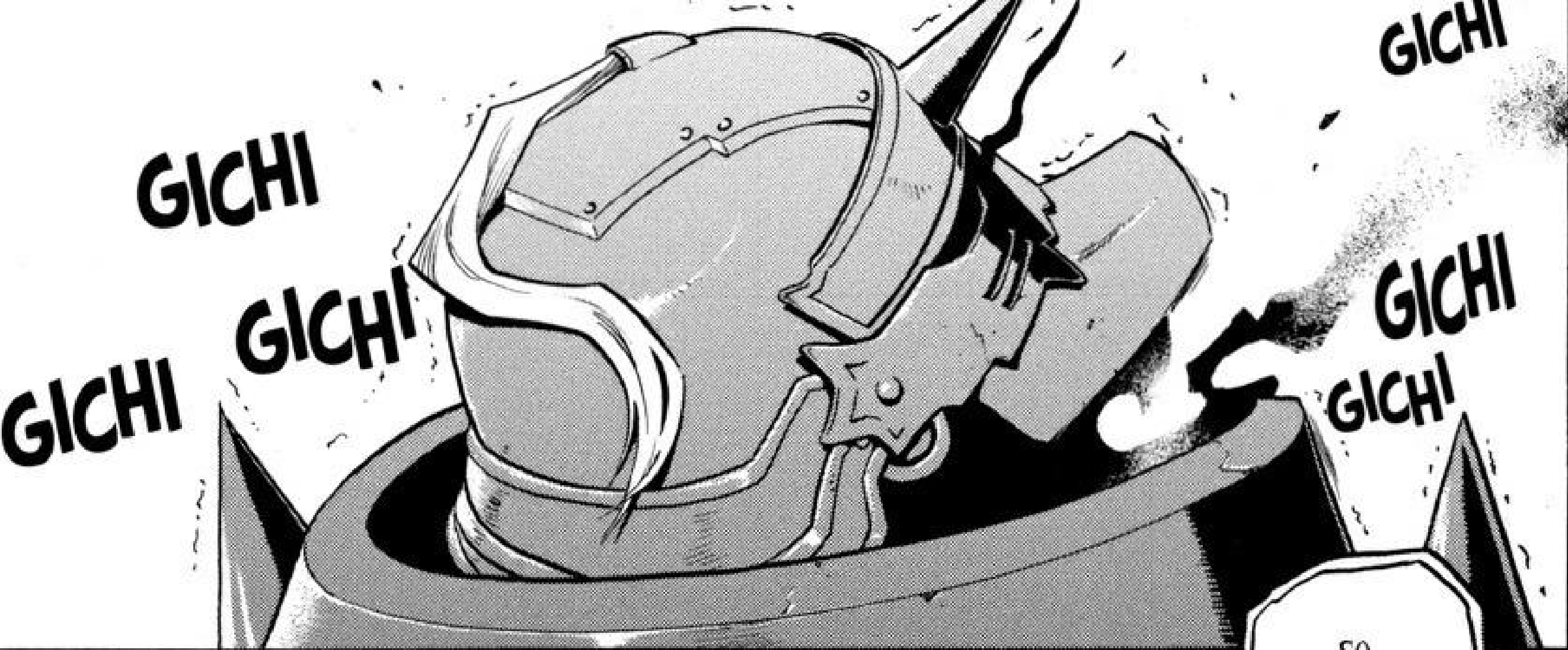














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**YOUR
SOUL
IS TOO
WEAK!!**

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FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

